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CHIANG REVERSES.

Northern Capture of Chinkiang Reported.

ADVANCE FROM PENGPU.

Dissention Among Nanking War Lord's Followers.

HANKOW SITUATION STILL CLOUDED IN DEEP MYSTERY.

The capture of Chinkiang by the Northerners is reported from Shanghai, though the news has not yet received official confirmation. If true, it reflects something in the nature of a big "come back" on the part of the parties opposed to Chiang Kai-shek, who, according to earlier reports published below, are not experiencing a very successful spell of activity.

The situation at Hankow is still uncertain. Eugene Chen and the remainder of the Borodin crowd are said to have left and it is not indicated who is in charge of the local Government. Extremists are again busy there.

WHERE IS EUGENE CHEN?

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Northerners are reported to have followed up their victory at Pengpu with an advance upon the important Southern base of Chinkiang and to have captured the city, although there is no definite official confirmation.

Dissatisfaction is becoming apparent among Kwangsi and Chekiang followers of Chiang Kai-shek owing to the absence of reward for fighting services during the long campaign since the force set out North from Canton. —British Naval Wireless.

(Chinkiang is the next important port to Shanghai on the Yangtse and was captured from the Northerners several months ago when Sun Chuan-fang (Northern army) retreated suddenly and the Southern forces crossed without opposition).

Hankow Extremists.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Owing to the depreciated local currency, difficulty is being experienced by Chinese troops in making purchases.

Extremists are again active, tempers are becoming uncertain and the situation is obscure.

Letters for Eugene Chen are reported to the sent to Shanghai. —British Naval Wireless.

Troops at Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Considerable concentration of troops is taking place here and plans are evidently in hand for their removal to further scenes of operations as several empty transports arriving from downriver have been detained. There is also considerable concentration of troops on the Northern front. —British Naval Wireless.

Northern Victories.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The "North China Daily News" is reliably informed that the Northerners have captured Mingkuang, 6 miles north-east of Pukow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and that Sun Chuan-fang's troops have captured Yangchow, 15 miles to the north of Chinkiang. —Reuter.

Whampoa Students.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Seven hundred Whampoa cadets arrived at Woosung yesterday morning from Nanking. The reports of Feng Yu-hsiang's advance from Honan to Shantung are discredited.

It is stated that Sun Chuan-fang has captured Haichow and holds North-East Kiangsu, having driven the Nationalists from Tientsin-Pukow on the Grand Canal, while the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line is damaged at Mingkuang to the south-east of Pengpu.

Alliance Rumours.

Fresh reports from Kwangsi state that the clique at Nanking is restless, while it is understood that every effort is being made for an alliance between Nanking, Loyang and Hankow.

Wuhu, August 11.

Four transports are embarking troops for down river.

Hankow Extremists.

Extremists are reported to have regained control of the Civil Government while the troops are troublesome over the difficulty of buying food with depreciated notes.

COURTESY FLIGHT.

British Airboats Visit Europe.

THREE COASTAL VESSELS.

Seaplane "Taxis" From Felixstowe To Southampton.

London, Yesterday. Three Royal Air Force flying-boats set off to-day from Felixstowe on a 3,000 miles trip during which courtesy visits will be paid to some of the principal northern capitals.

Sir Samuel Hoare is travelling by one of the machines via Oslo to Copenhagen, where he will attend the air exhibition. The flying-boats, which are named Iris, Valkyrie and Southampton, are coastal renaissance vessels remarkable for their great range. The Iris and Valkyrie are each fitted with three Condor engines of 700 horsepower and the Southampton has two Napier Lion engines.

The Southampton has a record to its credit of having "Taxied" without leaving the surface of the water from Felixstowe to Southampton, a distance of 180 miles. The journey occupied 24 days and was a severe test of its seaworthiness owing to the changes of weather encountered. —British Wireless Service.

SPANISH COUP.

GOVERNMENT STEPS IN TIME.

CLAIMS POPULAR SUPPORT.

Lisbon, Yesterday.

Prompt action by the government nipped in the bud an attempted coup d'etat. The Government claims it enjoys the support of an overwhelming portion of the Army and is confident it will be able to ensure public safety. All ministers and commanders of military garrisons are declared to be united by the defence of the existing regime. —Reuter.

SACCO & VANZETTI.

NOT MUCH HOPE OF A REPRIEVE.

Boston, Yesterday.

The belief that the 22nd inst. will mark the close of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, was expressed by a member of the Governor's Executive Council, who explained that the Governor's recommendations for a respite were approved because "we felt it was moral, although there is a legal barrier to the execution, and because of the motions pending in the Courts." —Reuter's American Service.

CORNHILL SAFE.

CHIEF ENGINEER REPORTS ON BUILDING COLLAPSE.

London, Yesterday.

The chief engineer engaged in the task of making Cornhill safe following the collapse last Saturday night of a portion of a large building, stated to-day that everything is now safe. He added that the work carried out had been effective and very little of the portion of the building left standing would have to come down. —British Wireless Service.

YARN FIRM FINED.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY ASSOCIATION.

London, Yesterday.

The Cotton Yarn Association, controlling 75 per cent. of the spinners of American yarn Lancashire, took the first important disciplinary action under the articles of the Association in fining a firm £200 for selling yarns below the official scale of minimum prices. —Reuter.

MR. FORD'S JOY-RIDE.

Detroit, Yesterday.

Mr. Henry Ford made his first flight as a passenger in the "Spirit of St. Louis" piloted by Colonel Lindbergh in a ten minutes' joy ride. —Reuter's American Service.

DAIL ELECTION.

Labour Vote Of Censure On Tuesday.

COALITION CABINET?

National League Party May Join Against Cosgrave.

London, Yesterday. After a long sitting in Dublin this afternoon the Dail Eireann Free State House of Representatives adjourned till Tuesday when, in accordance with notice given to-day, the Labour Leader Mr. John, will move a vote of censure.

On the expectation that an addition to the opposition of the 44 members of Mr. De Valera's party,

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Reminder to Cross-Word Puzzle Competitors.

The fifteenth cross-word puzzle of the "China Mail's" new series appears to-day for the last time, and competitors are reminded that their entries must reach the "China Mail" Office, No. 5 Wyndham Street, not later than noon on Monday next. The sixteenth puzzle of the new series will be published on Monday.

who took the Oath of allegiance yesterday, would precipitate an immediate crisis, the public galleries were crowded, but the meeting passed off without incident.

Reports from Dublin state that Captain Redmond's National League party of seven members this afternoon decided to support Labour, and when a division is taken it seems probable that the Government will be defeated.

The newspapers state that Pres. Cosgrave's administration will, in this event be succeeded by a coalition composed of Labour and the National League, which would have the support of De Valera's party.

Mr. Cosgrave has displayed a magnanimous attitude towards his new opponents. In an interview he stated "I am very pleased that Finian Fail deputies are coming into the Dail. It is the best thing that has happened during the last five years."

Captain Redmond said the action of De Valera and his party in taking the Oath was an immediate gain to the cause of constitutionalism. —British Wireless Service.

CABINET RESIGNS.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN GREECE.

Athens, Yesterday.

The Cabinet has resigned owing to the opposition of the Minister of the Interior, M. Tsaldaris, to the financial measures advocated by the Minister of Finance, M. Kafandaris, subsequent to the latter's return from Geneva, whither he went to secure the league's approval of a loan. —Reuter.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

MAXIMUM STANDARD MAY RETURN.

London, Yesterday.

The "Daily News" states that in the City rumour has been current that the Rubber Restriction Scheme is about to be revised by the re-introduction of a maximum standard of production. —Reuter.

RUSSIAN BUYING WOOL.

17,800 BALES SHIPPED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Yesterday.

Seventeen thousand eight hundred bales of wool, all secured in Australia, have been privately purchased and shipped to Russia since the arrival of Palti Gorky, the representative of the Moscow Textile Import Company, a few weeks ago. —Reuter.

TO-NIGHT'S CONCERT.

Mrs. Youngusband and a committee will be responsible for the Service men's concert at the City Hall this evening, for which a bumper programme has been planned. Mrs. Costen, who so successfully organized these affairs for a long while, leaves shortly for Hongkong, to which port her husband has been transferred.

ALIEN RADICALS.

To Be Driven Out Of America.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTION.

1,000 A Month Deported But Many Re-enter.

New York, Yesterday.

The "New York World's" Washington correspondent announces that the Department of Labour proposes to hold an intense drive against alien-radical agitators. Big firms are to be asked to check the antecedents of employees, and the Navy and Army authorities are to be requested to report on men seeking enlistment. The police are investigating all the records of the Department, which deports a thousand aliens monthly, but hundreds are smuggled in. —Reuter's American Service.

CAPT. D. LOGAN.

SERIOUSLY ILL IN PEAK HOSPITAL.

We regret to state that Mr. Donald Clements Logan, M.C., son of Mr. William Logan, is lying seriously ill in the Peak Hospital following an operation which was performed last Monday for appendicitis.

Mr. Logan is Captain commanding the Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, and is very popular in local sporting and amateur theatrical circles.

MARINE COURT.

CARRYING PASSENGERS IN EXCESS.

TODAY'S COURT CASES.

Mr. A. Lang, master of the s.s. "Chung Woo" pleaded guilty at the Marine Court this morning to a charge of carrying more than twelve passengers on board, not having the required passenger certificate. He was fined \$100.

For carrying 40 passengers in excess of number allowed in the licence, the Chinese master of a steam launch was fined \$40.

For leaving the harbour without a clearance and at prohibited hours, the masters of two junks were fined \$10 each on the charges.

LOCAL TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

MARKET NO IMPROVEMENT.

The fortnightly report of the General Chamber of Commerce states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—No improvement since last reporting. The latest quotations are those of the 10th instant.—Eg. Sakel, 20.05d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.49d.

Cotton Yarn.—In the early part of the fortnight our market ruled somewhat easier, but the news of the heavy advances in raw material has strengthened its position and a limited business has been put through at rates slightly higher than the previous ones.

Quotations are purely nominal:—No. 10s. \$165/185. No. 12s. \$165/180. No. 16s. \$185/199. No. 20s. \$190/195.

Arrivals. Nil. Shipments Nil. Sales Nil.

Unsold stocks 6,000 bales. Bargains 12,500 bales.

Woolens.—Some enquiry for Wool, Venetians, Lastings and Overcoatings but very small bookings on account of firmer prices at home and the drop in Exchange.

Raw Cottons.—Nothing doing. Metals.—Prices remain much as last quoted. Business generally quiet. Lower exchange has made it difficult to get any further business booked. Dealers who appear satisfied with their stocks for the time being show little interest in new offers.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: American 300,000 sacks, Canadian 110,000 sacks, Australian 40,000 sacks. Total 450,000 sacks.

Market Very weak. Practically no sales.

Quotations: American Patent \$4.35-4.40 per sack, American Straight \$6.15-3.45 per sack, American Cut off \$3.20-3.70 per sack, Australian No. 1 \$3.45-3.65 per sack, Canadian Cut off \$3.15-3.20 per sack, Canadian Mixture \$3.05-3.20 per sack, Canadian 2nd Clear, \$3.00 per sack.

Sundries.—Window glass. Few. Market Steady.

Sugar.—Market declining. Ballports.—Stocks 15,000 bags. Very dull market since last report.

HOBBS HURT.

Test Trial Match At Lords Results in A Draw.

ONLY ONE CENTURY.

Glamorgan Surprise Surrey By Quick Dismissal.

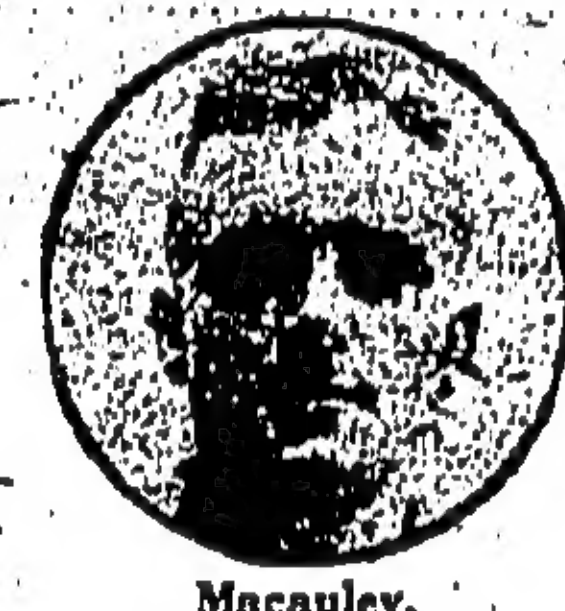
SPARKLING BATTING AND BOWLING DISPLAYED IN COUNTY GAMES.

The big event in Home cricket circles over the latter part of the week has been the Test trial match at Lords. The cabled details, published below, do not indicate whether Hobbs turned out for England or not. Chapman, after the recent combat following his decision to play for his country rather than for his country, did. A later radio message stated that Hobbs played but had to retire.

Surrey supplied the main surprise in the county games, being dismissed by lowly Glamorganshire for the poor total of 65. The wicket was wet, enabling Mercer to take six for 23 and Arnott four for 25. Kent and Leicester tied on first innings.

CHAPMAN TURNS OUT.

Scoring in the Test trial, which was drawn, was on the low side individually, so far as the England team was concerned. Sutcliffe's 65 was the highest compilation. Leyland, playing for the Rest, put together 102 and Shepherd made 96. Other centuries were recorded by "Patsy" Hendren, the Middlesex idol and Brenford footballer, who secured 141 not out against Somerset; Lowry, the New Zealand, whose 101 not out helped the tourists to declare with 415 for nine against Gloucester after the home side



Macaulay.

had made 148 in the first innings; and Philip Mead, the Hampshire veteran, who made 142, thus helping his county to beat Worcester by an innings and odd.

Derbyshire, as well as Surrey, distinguished themselves by being dismissed for less than 100. Macaulay, the Yorkshire "crack" trundler, taking eight of their wickets for 37, the side going out for 81. Sussex, against Notts, made a second innings recovery and only lost the match by 28 runs, but Lancashire had no difficulty in heating Northants, thanks to Macdonald, who bowled well and took eight wickets for 73.

The results, as cabled by Reuter, are as follow:—

Test Trial.

The Test trial match at Lords, England v. The Rest, was drawn. England scored 383 (Chapman 58, Jupp 58, Sutcliffe 65) and 120 for one (Hallows 54 not out). The Rest made 327 (Leyland 102, Shepherd 96).

Notts Win.

Notts, at Hastings, beat Sussex by 28 runs.

Notts scored 256 and 192 for six declared.

Sussex made 141 and 279.

A Tie.

Kent and Leicester playing at Leicester, tied in the first innings, both scoring 231.

Leicester in the second innings scored 174 for 8 and declared.

Rain stopped play.

Headren Scores.

Middlesex took first innings points from Somerset at Weston-super-Mare.

Middlesex scored 359 for eight declared (Hendren 141).

Somerset made 266.

Yorkshire beat Derby at Hull on the first innings.

Derby made 81, Macaulay taking eight wickets for 37; and 252. Yorkshire scored 228 and 32 for no loss.

Visitors Draw.

The New Zealanders drew with Gloucester at Cheltenham. Gloucester made 148 and 130 for three.

New Zealand scored 415 for nine and declared (Lowry 101 not out). Rain stopped further play.

R.A.F. Win.

At the Oval the Royal Air Force beat the Navy by six wickets.

Surrey Surprised.

Glamorgan took first innings from Surrey at Swansea.

Glamorgan scored 153 and 26 for two.

Surrey made 55; Norcer taking six for 23 and Arnott four for 25. Rain stopped the game.

An Easy Win.

Lancashire beat Northants at Northampton by 10 wickets.

Northants scored 170 and 121. Macdonald taking eight for 73.

Lancashire made 256 and 37 for no loss.

Mead's 142.

Hampshire beat Worcester by an innings and 45 runs.

Worcester scored 296 and 95; Hampshire made 436 for eight declared (Mead 142).

Two Accidents.

London, Yesterday.

The second of the trial test cricket matches between an England eleven and the rest of England, which concluded to-day in an even draw, was marred by two accidents. Hobbs, in attempting a short run on Wednesday, strained a thigh muscle and was forced to retire, and to-day the Northamptonshire captain, Jupp, suffered severe injury to his right hand. In the last trial test Larwood, the Nottinghamshire fast bowler, was injured, but he has now recovered. —British Wireless Service.

MURDER TRIAL.

CONCLUDING SCENES IN CASTLE PEAK CASE.

PRISONER GIVES EVIDENCE.

On the resumption of the Castle Peak murder trial yesterday afternoon, prisoner gave evidence on his own behalf and stated how he came home from picking cones on the hillside, to find his wife's body hanging in the upper part of the house. He cut the body down and buried it on the hillside, saying nothing about it to anyone.

Prisoner's explanation of his conduct was that according to Chinese belief, the ghost of one who had committed suicide was a "bad" ghost supposed to bring evil on the household, and he did not want the family to know the true cause of death and to be frightened.

In answer to questions by his counsel (Mr. F. C. Jenkin) prisoner said that he had no motive for wishing to kill his wife. If he wished to take another wife there was nothing in Chinese law which prevented him.

During the cross-examination of the prisoner, a number of Chinese spectators gathered near the dock and counsel for the defence drew his Lordship's attention to the fact that "they seemed to be getting considerable amusement out of this man's discomfiture."

His Lordship ordered the spectators to withdraw to their seats and warned them if they continued to smile they would have to leave the Court.

The case was adjourned until Monday morning.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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SHIPPING

SECTION.

NAVIGATION IN FOG.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT ON APPEAL.

In nautical circles general satisfaction will be expressed at the judgment of the Appeal Court upon the collision between the steamers "Induna" and "Ellenia." In this case, says "The Journal of Commerce," the plaintiff put forward the wholly pernicious theory that to stop a vessel in fog was a contributory factor to collision, and consequently an error of seamanship. Such a contention is a direct reversal of the instructions laid down in the rule of the road, therein it is stated:—"A steam vessel hearing apparently forward of her beam the sound signal of a vessel the position of which is not ascertained shall stop her engines and navigate with caution until risk of collision is past."

That is an authoritative instruction which must be observed by all masters of steamships when the conditions covered arise, and to admit any interpretation other than the direct one conveyed in the sentence would be to cast grave reflection upon those who framed the rules, and strike a serious blow at the regulations to prevent collisions at sea as a whole. Every seaman knows that the stopping of engines will result in loss of way, and wind and sea conditions must affect the heading of the ship so stopped. That point was known to, and must have been considered by, the nautical experts who framed the international rules.

Working for Safety.

They worked for safety only, being well aware that, in times of bad visibility when ships would sight each other at close quarters, only the lower the speed the less the possibilities of damage; and when two vessels, each following the regulations laid down, have in sight of each other, prompt reversal of engines on the part of any ship under small way would avert collision or reduce the amount of damage below the danger line. An appropriate sound signal was laid down for the vessel so stopped; the hearing of this signal would acquaint those in charge of the other that there was a stationary ship to pass, and leave them free to manoeuvre until danger was averted.

Probably every section of the rule of the road has, at some time or other, been challenged in Court of Law, but from the seamanship point of view it is hard to conceive one which would require greater ingenuity to controvert than the paragraph which covers behaviour of steamships in fog. The language is precise, procedure laid down seamanship-like, and the whole section framed with a view to preventing or minimising collisions. Upon the "Induna" "Ellenia" collision there is no need to comment, the circumstances have been analysed effectively in both Courts; the important point from the navigators' outlook, a suggestion that stopping in fog might be bad seamanship when vessels are in close proximity, has been cleared up, and it is unlikely to be raised in the future.

STEAMSHIP TRAGEDY

MARRIED WOMAN DEAD.

Details are available concerning a tragedy on board the steamer "Crefeld" at Antwerp, resulting in the death of a married woman passenger, while the ship's doctor is in hospital. It is stated that Norman Smith, husband of the dead woman, was a tugboat captain in Sydney, and he married a German girl there a few years ago. They left Sydney to pay a visit to her parents at Bremen. During the voyage Smith forbade Bachmann, the ship's doctor, to enter his cabin owing to the attention he was paying to his wife. When passing Gibraltar Smith missed his wife, and after searching the ship found her hidden in a cupboard in Bachmann's cabin. There was a scene, the wife in hysterics flatly refusing to go with her husband. Finally he induced her to go into the infirmary, and later they became reconciled. On July 1, while Smith was promanaging, the first officer and some sailors seized him and locked him up. A friend saw him there and told him that his wife was dead. After he had been imprisoned for ten hours, the captain released him and told him that at first he thought he had murdered his wife, but he was now convinced that she and the doctor had attempted suicide. The wife's body was taken to Bremen, while the doctor was sent to hospital in a critical condition. Consular inquiries are proceeding.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this port this evening, and is due here to-morrow evening. The Ben Line s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on August 16. The s.s. "Fiume-L" (D. & Co.) sailed from Colombo on August 3, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on August 18. The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hocken, R.N.R.) sailed for Manila on August 10, at p.m. and is due back here on Monday, August 22. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on August 24 at noon.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:—"Athos II," August 30. "D'Artaque," September 18. The M.V. "Esquiline" (D. & Co.) from Brindisi, is expected in Hong Kong on September 15. The s.s. "Bolton Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on July 19, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 24.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

The M.V. "Raby Castle" from New York, Newport News & Norfolk has arrived and consignees are asked to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 15.

OLD VESSEL SOLD.

BLOWN ASHORE INTO BATHS.

Melbourne, July 7. The steamer "Malaita," which was blown ashore into the South Melbourne baths on November 17 last, and which was refloated by the Melbourne Harbour Trust on May 6, was sold by auction to-day for \$280. Bidding started at \$225. The purchasers were Messrs. O'gan, Hester, and Rice, of Melbourne. The ship will be broken up.

The cost of refloating the "Malaita" was considerably more than \$1,000, but the price realised to-day will help to defray the expense. The "Malaita" is a vessel of 980 tons gross. She was originally run by Burns, Phillip and Co., Ltd., in the Pacific Islands trade, but after becoming a coal hulk for the Melbourne Harbour Trust she was refitted and used in the phosphate trade by H. B. Black and Co., of Melbourne. After the war she was laid idle in Melbourne and broke loose from her berthing during a strong gale.

STEAMSHIP LINE.

AUSTRALIAN BOARD APPOINTED.

Sydney, July 5. It was announced to-day that the Commonwealth and Dominion Line, Limited, had decided to establish a local board in Australia, with headquarters in Sydney. The members of the board will be Mr. F. G. Murdoch, of Sydney, and Mr. De Gurchy, of Wellington (New Zealand). Mr. Murdoch is a director of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright and Co., who are associated as agents in Sydney with the Commonwealth and Dominion Line.

COLOURED SEAMAN'S BRAVERY.

While the motorship "Centaur" which arrived at Fremantle from Singapore on July 5, was at Derby, one of the coloured seamen fell into an enclosure containing several bullocks, maddened by their strange surroundings. Before the seaman, who had fallen about 30 feet, had time to recover himself he was attacked by one of the beasts. Without hesitating, one of the men's compatriots jumped into the enclosure and pulled the seaman out of danger. Appreciating the second man's bravery, the passengers subscribed over £2 which was handed to the rescuer.

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|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
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| EMPERESS OF ASIA | Sept. 14 | Sept. 17 | Sept. 20 | Sept. 23 | Oct. 2 |
| EMPERESS OF CANADA | Oct. 5 | Oct. 8 | Oct. 11 | Oct. 14 | Oct. 23 |
| EMPERESS OF RUSSIA | Oct. 26 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 4 | Nov. 13 |
| EMPERESS OF ASIA | Nov. 16 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 22 | Nov. 25 | Dec. 4 |
| EMPERESS OF CANADA | Dec. 7 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 16 | Dec. 25 |
| EMPERESS OF RUSSIA | Jan. 4 | Jan. 7 | Jan. 10 | Jan. 13 | Jan. 22 |
| EMPERESS OF ASIA | Jan. 25 | Jan. 28 | Jan. 31 | Feb. 3 | Feb. 12 |

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MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 31st August.
CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 28th September.
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TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 16th August.
JAPAN PORTS
ALASKA MARU Sunday, 14th August.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 14th August.
MENADO MARU Wednesday, 17th August.
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|------------|--------|------------------|------------------------------|
| RAWALPINDI | 16,619 | 20th Aug. | Marseilles & London |
| MOREA | 10,953 | 3rd Sept. | Marseilles & London |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 17th Sept. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 1st Oct. | Marseilles & London |
| NYANZA | 7,023 | 12th Oct. | Straits, Colombo & Bombay. |
| MALWA | 10,956 | 15th Oct. | Marseilles & London |
| KASHMIR | 8,085 | 29th Oct. | Marseilles & London |
| MACDONIA | 11,120 | 12th Nov. | Marseilles & London |
| MONGOLIA | 10,504 | 20th Nov. | Marseilles & London |
| MANUVA | 10,346 | 10th Dec. | Marseilles & London |
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| | | | |
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| TALAMBA | 8,013 | 5th Sept. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| | | | |
|------------|-------|------------|------------------------------------|
| TANDA | 6,950 | 2nd Sept. | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 30th Sept. | Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & |
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|------------|--------|------------|---------------------------------|
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| MOREA | 10,953 | 19th Aug. | Shanghai |
| NAGPORE | 5,233 | 30th Aug. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 2nd Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 16th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MALWA | 10,956 | 19th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| NYANZA | 7,023 | 22nd Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| KASHMIR | 8,085 | 30th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| ARAFURA | 6,000 | 4th Oct. | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama |
| MACDONIA | 11,120 | 15th Oct. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MONGOLIA | 10,504 | 29th Oct. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MANUVA | 10,346 | 12th Nov. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |

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LIQUOR SMUGGLING.

SEIZURE IN NEW YORK HARBOUR.

New York, July 4.
One of the boldest attempts to smuggle a valuable cargo of alcohol on to the very shores of Manhattan Island itself was frustrated only after the alleged run-ship "Greyhound," which had been renamed the "Economy," had passed the Statue of Liberty. The vessel, which was en route for New York, carried a crew of 22, and was loaded with beverages valued at \$60,000 dollars (\$100,000).

Ensign Duke, of the Coast Guard, who was alone in a motor boat, patrolling the harbour at dawn, espied the vessel running without lights. He overhauled her, and single-handed took prisoner the crew, and returned to shore with the prize.

The "Greyhound," which is on the British registry, had succeeded in avoiding a dozen of the anti-run-ship craft, and was within a few hours of landing her cargo.

FLOATING MINE.

REPORT FROM TWOFOLD BAY.

Sydney, July 8.
A floating mine, presumably one of those laid by the German raider Wolf in 1917, is reported to have been seen near Twofold Bay, on the south coast, by Mr. Norman Hegarty, a launch proprietor, at Drummoyne, who was the successful tenderer for the purchase of the cargo landed from the straitened steamer Riverina, and who is now engaged in transporting the cargo to Sydney. In a message to the secretary of the State Navigation Department (Mr. G. H. Faulks) received late this afternoon, Mr. Hegarty states that he saw the mine floating in a position about seven miles to the south of Twofold Bay, at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hegarty was proceeding in a motor launch, when the mine was observed. The pilot at Eden, who has been instructed to investigate the report, sent a message to Mr. Faulks to-night, stating that Mr. Hegarty and some fishermen, on the return trip from the Riverina, did not see any traces of the mine.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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UNLOADING.

DEFECTS OF MODERN APARATUS.

All the varied unloading apparatus seen along modern wharves—cranes, pneumatic plants, conveyors and trolleys—though exactly suited to an entrapment trade, suffer from a cardinal defect as regards general application. The cargo to be discharged can only be removed from the ship at a particular point of the port concerned, and apart from the drawback of a waiting list of vessels, there are many places, particularly in partly-developed countries, where either tedious manual methods have to be adopted, or the goods transported by rail to another port on the same seaboard. With a self-unloading apparatus this want of flexibility vanishes, and while it is not suggested that wharf equipment will ever be obsolete, a vessel so fitted can be run into any port where the wharf is not provided with discharging plant, a fairly frequent condition in the smaller coastal towns in all countries, and by means of the self-contained unloading gear, can deliver her cargo on to the wharf itself, or into railway waggons or carts thereon. Should there be no wharf, or a badly-congested one, it is equally easy to discharge into lighters, barges, or the bunkers or holds of a ship alongside. Self-unloading gear may consist of a conveyor boom on the deck, which can be swung outboard on either beam, and on to which the cargo—coal, stone, ore, sand, wet or dry, or gravel—is delivered by scrapers moving in tunnels in the bottoms of the holds. This system is rapidly gaining in popularity in Canada on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and shows promise in other directions but, so far, the only vessel constructed in Great Britain for the purpose is the s.s. "Valley Camp," built at the Neptune Works of Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, for Mr. J. A. Playfair, Midland, Ontario. The "Valley Camp" has the typical Lake-type silhouette, with the propelling machinery aft and the navigating bridge, practically in the bows, a position rendered necessary by the canal locks to be negotiated. The tripod mast, for elevating the conveyor boom, just aft of the bridge gives the vessel, however, a somewhat unusual appearance. The total length is 252 ft., the beam is 43 ft., and the draught, with a cargo of 2,000 tons dead-weight, is a little over 14 ft. We may close our account of this ship, a pioneer vessel as far as Great Britain is concerned, by mentioning that eight other vessels have been fitted with this gear on the Great Lakes service. These range from 2,000 tons to 6,000 tons capacity, and can discharge from 400 tons to 1,000 tons per hour. The boom conveyors are from 75 ft. to 150 ft. long.

DIESEL v. STEAM.

SCANDINAVIAN SHIP-OWNERS' INTEREST.

Sir William Graham, J.P., of Messrs. Bailey, Graham and Co., Ltd., has just returned from a long business tour on the Continent, six weeks of which were spent in Scandinavia. Interviewed at Cardiff by a representative of "The Journal of Commerce," Sir William said: "I was particularly struck whilst in Scandinavia with the keen interest displayed in motorships. The question of Diesel versus steam engines is one upon which there has for years been a distinct cleavage of opinion in shipping circles in this country, even amongst those whose expert and business knowledge commands attention. 'Exceptional interest has been taken in this question in ship-owning circles in Scandinavia, and that interest has been backed up by practical effort. Shipowners with large tonnage, principally tankers with Diesel engines, were apparently satisfied with the financial results which have accrued. From judicious inquiries I made the general opinion prevailed that for vessels of 10,000 tons and upwards engaged in long voyage trades the Diesel engine had many advantages over reciprocating engines. As regards vessels of 7,000 to 8,000 engaged in the tramp service, a number of shipowners felt that their financial interests would be better served by steam engines. One Norwegian owner informed me he had on order six vessels representing an outlay of a million sterling. Five of these vessels were being built in Scandinavia, and would be fitted with Diesel engines, whilst one at Sunderland would be fitted with steam engines. 'The smaller class of vessels in Scandinavia were finding it difficult to secure remunerative employment, but the largest class of tonnage appeared to be doing well.'"

"While there is nothing in view which would suggest a shipping boom, there should be better times than have been experienced during the past few years," writes "The Look-Out Man," in the half-yearly review number of "Fairplay," the weekly shipping journal. "At the moment," he adds, "shipowners generally are decidedly pessimistic as regards the next month or two as the River Plate will offer no satisfactory rate to vessels on this side, and will endeavour to force the fifty steamers on the way unfixed to accept starvation rates, the United States and Canadian Atlantic ports offer no employment at satisfactory rates, and, wherever one looks, it is found that the trouble in the Plate trade has spread to every market. The position is, of course, not without precedent, as June and July have generally been dull months, but many owners are looking with confidence to August and September to provide such abundant employment as will cause freights to once more rise to a payable level. The Plate should have plenty of stuff to ship, provided there is a demand for her maize at a satisfactory price, Canada and the United States should then be again in the market the East should also be chartering tonnage, while it is expected that there will be large shipments of grain from Black Sea ports."

It is just possible, however, that British shipowners may be unable to take full advantage of the shipments of Russian grain, as, owing to the dispute between this country and the Soviets, the arrangements for chartering may be made on the Continent instead of in London, with the result that Greek, Italian, French, German, and other owners may have the first offers, British boats only coming in at the end, if at all, and even then, owing to the break with the Soviets, the port charges will be increased and will absorb an extra shilling per ton of the freight."

SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

REVIEW OF FIRST HALF YEAR.

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The American Ambassador stated a short time ago that Britain possessed one of the most beautiful bits of the created world and recommended tourists coming to Europe to spend some time there. Combined action by the four railway groups has catered for this invasion by providing opportunities of visiting, by means of round tours of inclusive fares, all that is best in Great Britain from an historic, romantic or scenic point of view. The number of tours from which selections can be made totals nearly 200, comprising journeys by rail, road and steamer. The character of the tours and the facilities for breaking the journey en route will appeal to the leisurely tourist as well as to those whose itinerary is planned by time-table. Special attention has been devoted to parts of the country of historical interest, the seats of universities, the cathedral cities and the regions made famous by association with Shakespeare, Dickens, Scott, Burns, and other illustrious men. The tours may be made in either direction and by alternative routes, and there is little limit to the ingenuity which the tourist can exercise in using them. A reduction of 25 per cent. has been made in the price of the tours, which are not only for overseas visitors but for British tourists as well.

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| Aug. 30 | San Francisco | Homeric | Oct. 1 | Chgo-Chicago |
| Sept. 7 | Seattle | Agulhas | Oct. 5 | Chgo-Chicago |
| Sept. 13 | San Francisco | Miguel | Oct. 15 | Chgo-Chicago |
| Sept. 21 | Seattle | Leviathan | Oct. 23 | Chgo-Chicago |
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PRESIDENT GRANT ... Wednesday, Sept. 21st.

PRESIDENT MADISON ... Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

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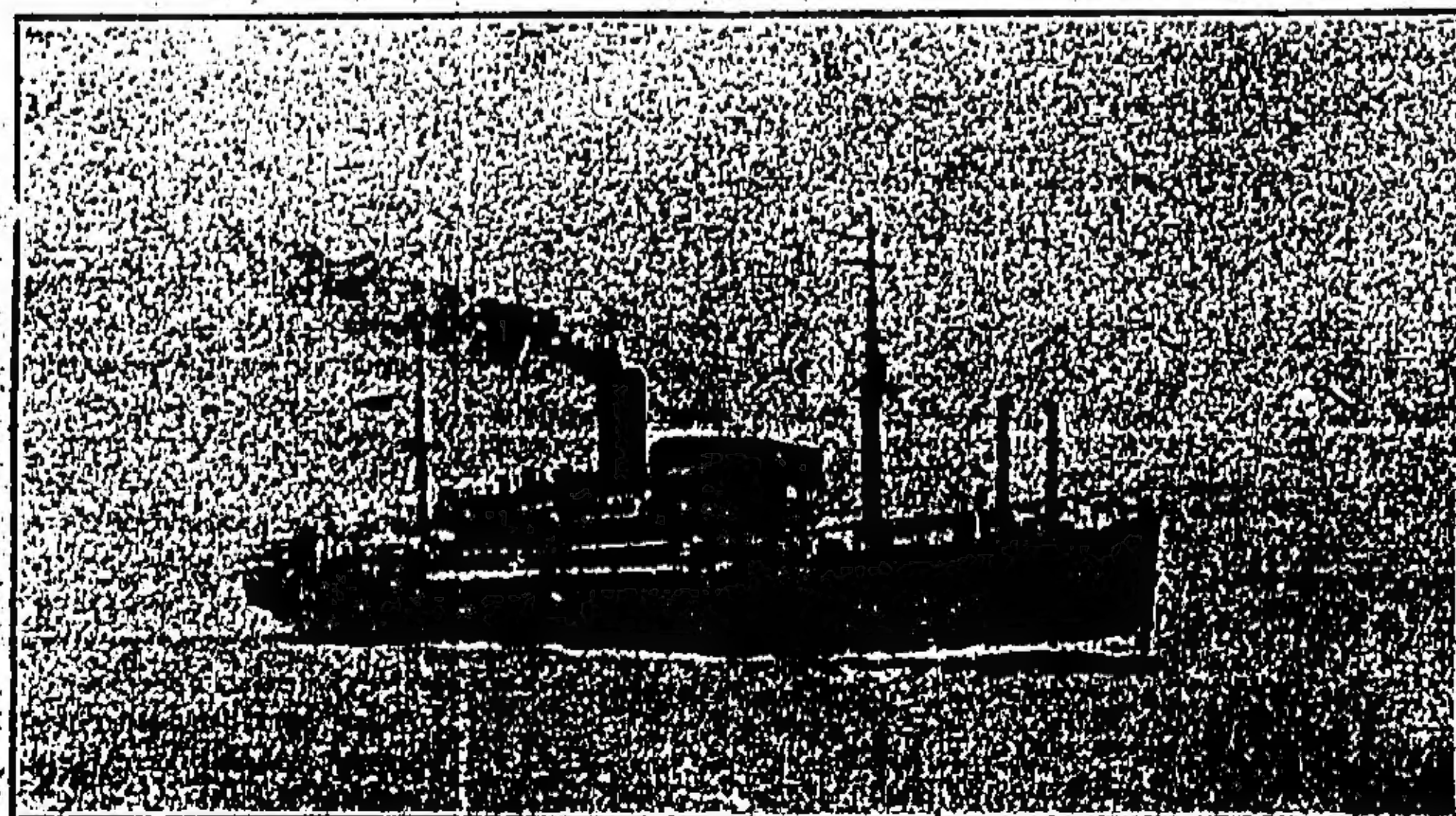
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Although the military lands problem has been dropped in general principle as a result of the decision of the Government a year or so ago, there are still aspects of it which have a bearing on the future of land in Kowloon, as the Kowloon Cricket Club has found to its cost. The scheme, it will be recalled, was for the Government to buy out the military from valuable land in the centre of the city and find them alternative accommodation for barracks, etc., in various places on the peninsula. The land, however, was valued by Sir William Fitzmaurice when land values were high. The price, even then, seemed a heavy one to pay and since the slump it has been regarded as prohibitive. When the scheme seemed in a fair way of fulfilment, notice was given to holders of Government land in Kowloon (amongst these being the K.C.C.) that their premises were liable to be taken over for military purposes. Alternative accommodation was offered at the newly developed King's Park, but the military lands question was dropped before the Kowloon Cricket Club offered itself of the Government's offer and the Club therefore regarded its position in the old premises as secure.

Since then, however, the troubles in China have come to a head and, in consequence, it appears from the remarks of the President of the Club at a meeting on Thursday, there will be a permanent increase in the garrison stationed in future in the Colony. The effect of this, it is gathered, is that the Kowloon Cricket Club's grounds will be requisitioned for

recreation grounds for the extra troops and the Club is therefore unable to proceed with the extensions which were contemplated. Though the Government is quite within its rights in the action it has taken, it appears to act rather unjustly to a Club which has developed an area of waste land into excellently conditioned cricket, tennis and bowls grounds and caters for something between four and five hundred people. The grounds will, of course, be conveniently situated for the troops who are to be garrisoned in the vicinity. But so they are for the residents whose money has been spent in bringing them to their present state of perfection. If the K.C.C. can be granted land at King's Park, so can the military, and of the respective claims to the present grounds, whose is the strongest—the Club which has developed it or the military who have contributed nothing to its upkeep? The Government's attitude, on the face of it, appears to be rather unreasonable.

Among the important events of the week in the sphere of international politics is the decision of De Valera and his "Fianna Fail" party to take the oath of allegiance and the seats on the Dail which were won at the present election. Whether or not the result of the decision will lead to another election in Ireland owing to the fact that the Government party headed by Mr. Cosgrave is in a minority, there will be general satisfaction even amongst those who have no love for De Valera personally and no sympathy whatever with his party's views at a decision which will enable all sides to be constitutionally represented and so facilitate the birth of that national goodwill and stability which will enable the Irish Free State to take an even greater place among the comity of nations. The previous uncompromising attitude of De Valera's party to the oath of allegiance was not in conformity with the general desire for moderation and reasonable co-operation which was the most striking feature of the country's mandate as indicated by the large pro-Treaty majority.

The oath of allegiance to the Free State and King George as the head of the Commonwealth is a fundamental provision of the constitution which was overwhelmingly approved by the people and which the Government is bound in honour and good faith to maintain. If De Valera's party had not taken the action they now have they would, by withholding their presence, have nullified the

votes recorded on their behalf. What is more they would in all probability have sounded the death knell of their own party, for if the people had been faced with the spectacle of a third of the seats on the Dail vacant and a third of the voters unrepresented during the lifetime of the Dail, there would have been little chance of either De Valera surviving as a leader or his party as an entity. The decision was more or less inevitable, but it is none the less significant of the more conciliatory spirit which is abroad in Ireland, notwithstanding the effects of a minority to keep alive the bitterness which is gradually being dispersed by the repeated evidence of goodwill on the part of those who framed the constitution and those who have nobly upheld it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE WORK OF THE S.P.C.A.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I venture to request that you will allow me to give publicity to this letter through the valuable medium of your paper.

In the course of certain correspondence which was published recently in the local press, an enquiry was made by an anonymous writer as to whether there was a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Hong Kong. It is a matter of great regret that there should be any doubt on this subject and that there should be people in the Colony who have not heard of the work and activities of the local S.P.C.A. Unfortunately, perhaps, the Society has up to the present done its work unobtrusively and without advertisement.

The Society maintains, thanks to a generous donation, a Dog's home at Nathan Road (Extension), Kowloon, which is well looked after and visited daily by the Society's Inspectors. Members of the public who are interested in this feature of the Society's activities are cordially invited to visit the Home and to see what is being done there. Such interest on their part will be a source of great encouragement to the Society.

The Society employs three Inspectors who are constantly engaged in inspecting the arrangements for the custody and treatment of birds and animals in this Colony and in the New Territories attached thereto. Having regard to the magnitude of their task, it is impossible for them to cover the whole field of operations. They are, therefore, obliged to concentrate attention upon places where birds and animals are kept and where there is possibility of ill-treatment, namely, in the markets, shops, trains, junks and during the conveyance of animals to and from the markets. This work is carried out unostentatiously but it is carried out as thoroughly as our inadequate resources in men and money will permit.

It is not the policy of the S.P.C.A. to court publicity by the institution of frequent legal proceedings, and prosecution are only resorted to in extreme cases. Our aim is rather to reform from within, that is, to educate public opinion and to teach the people to recognise their obligations in the matter of the care and treatment of birds and animals for whatever purposes they may be destined. It is truly unfortunate that the work of the Society does not loom more largely in the public eye. The finances of the Society are at a very low ebb and it needs all the support—moral and financial—that can be enlisted. It is just possible that there are many prominent people besides the correspondent referred to above who, not being aware of the existence of the Society, have been unable to assist it financially and otherwise. It is therefore proposed in the course of the next few weeks to launch an appeal for increased recognition and support from the public. The field is large and the labourers are few. More workers and active supporters are needed if the Society is to carry on its work and if it is to increase its usefulness and efficiency. It is earnestly hoped that the public of Hong Kong will respond gallantly to a great good work.

The undersigned will be glad to give full information regarding the work and the aims and objects of the Society to any of your readers who may be interested in its work and aspirations.
—Yours, etc.,

B. O. BLAKER,

Hon. Secretary, S.P.C.A.,

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THE SHAIKIWAN MURDER.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish this letter in case any member of the public may be able to assist this Department.

The Police hold possession of one \$5 (Five Dollar) denomination bank note of a European bank. On the back of the note are written in English manuscript the following words:—"Butter, Milk, Sugar, Oranges, Cigarettes, Jeyes Fluid, By Order, L. T. Ch. . . . The writing is in black ink; the signature is indefinite. I desire to communicate with any person who has a clear recollection of having recently handled this particular note.

The late Mrs. Mackay was murdered on Saturday, August 6, I wish to communicate with any person who may have seen Mrs. Mackay in or near the premises of the Wing On Company on Friday, August 5, or on the morning of August 6.—Yours, etc.,

T. H. KING,

Director,

Criminal Investigation

Department.

Police Headquarters,

Hong Kong, August 12, 1927.

BRITISH BOYS.

BRITISH-CANADIAN AGREEMENT.

The London "Times" says that the British and Canadian Governments have concluded an agreement under the Empire Settlement Act for one of the most constructive modern land settlement schemes. It involves the settlement of British boys in Canada, and operates from April 1, 1928.

The British and Canadian Governments propose jointly to expend £1,000,000 for the next 10 years in the form of recoverable advances to assist British boys aged from 14 to 20 to take up farming in Canada, with the prospect of a definite career. The new scheme aims at curtailing the period of waiting to make their own purchase of land. The boys when 21, provided they have acquired the necessary training and experience and saved approximately £100, will be eligible for a cash advance not exceeding £500 to purchase a farm, stock, and equipment.

In a leader the "Times" says:—"The scheme has great advantages. An early start in Dominion life means much. The Dominions now possess their own traditions, and failure to catch the spirit of his adopted country handicaps a mature settler. Not half the annual grant controlled by the Empire Settlement Act has been spent, because the Dominions impose limits on the increase of population, but the results are improving and are encouraging."

BYRD'S EXPEDITION.

TO THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" says that Commander Byrd's Antarctic expedition will consist of fifty men including several scientists. There will be two planes, dogs, and sledges.

The party will sail from America in the Autumn via New Zealand for the edge of the ice barrier in the Ross Sea where a base will be established. One plane will be fitted with triple engines and the other with a single engine. The smaller machine will be used for reconnoitring and finding landing places for the larger machine.

Commander Byrd thinks that interesting explorations could be carried out during the months of September to March, and is prepared to remain in the Antarctic for 18 months. He believes that there is a large area of the southern continent not covered by snow, and he hopes to reach the Pole.

A STRANGE DIVORCE.

BLIND SOLDIER'S PETITION.

A divorce petition which has been heard at Prague is believed to be unprecedented. A soldier, 28 years of age, who was blinded at the war, is seeking a divorce decree against his blind wife, who is 48 years, on the ground that she deceived him regarding her age and appearance. He alleges that she claimed she was young and beautiful, whereas he was now told she was very ugly. The wife said that her husband before marriage felt her face and judged her attractive. He was now influenced by the calumnies of her enemies. The Court dismissed the petition on the ground that the reason it gave was inadequate. The husband is now appealing.

THEIR SECOND SUMMER THE HARDEST.

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P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

Local sportsmen were up all night praying for the eclipse of the God of Rain.

The doctor had taken the temperature of the distinguished stockbroker, who lay gravely ill. "It has gone up to 104," he announced in a solemn voice. "Come up to 104!" shouted the stockbroker. "Then sell out, man, sell out!"

"If you've spotted the man who stole your car, why don't you get it back?"
"I'm waiting for him to put on a new set of tyres."

A lady rushed into a crowded car at Haymarket the other day and clutched a strap. She looked pathetically at some seated males, but not one seemed inclined to give up his seat.

One rose at last.
"Thank you so much," she said. "Don't mention it, lady," and added, doubtless thinking of his school days, "I always show respect to a lady with a strap."

Ike—"D'ye know those chickens you sent me the other week?"
Bill—"Yes."

Ike—"Well, they all got out as I was carrying them from the station."

Bill—"Did you catch them again?"

Ike—"No, after searching the whole neighbourhood I could only find ten."

Bill—"Hush. I only sent you six."

An extremely successful business man was giving an address on "Commercial Acumen" to a class of students.

The business man, in speaking of his career, mentioned a certain company which had been wound up on account of its shady practices.

"Of course," he said righteously, "as soon as I realised that there were possibilities of dishonest profit being made I got out of it."

A student asked, "How much did you get out of it?"

The housewife answered the door bell's ring. At her heels were two poodles. The policeman stood on the step.

"I see you have a couple of dogs," he remarked. "Have you licences for them?"

"Oh, no," she replied, "they're too young."

The poodles frisked round the policeman, and he patted them. Nice, friendly little things, aren't they?" he said.

"Yes, You'd never think they were mother and daughter."

The summons arrived in due course.

A gentleman advertised for a gamekeeper, and a Scotsman with a very red face presented himself as a candidate for the post.

"Are you a teetotaler?" inquired the gentleman.

"Weel, sir," answered the applicant. "I'm no' exactly a teetotaler, but I've never found anybody yet that could fill me fou."

Concerning Mr. White's connection with Daly's Theatre, a writer in the London "Evening News" recalls how, at one gathering, Mr. White talked of Miss Phyllis Dare and why she expected new silk stockings at 25s. a pair for every performance.

"She said she had always had fresh silk stockings," said Mr. White. "I told her she must not expect that under my management. I am a business man. In any case, why wouldn't 15s. stockings do?"

White economised over the famous Daly's orchestra, and that nearly broke the late Merlin Morgan's heart. They told the story that "Jimmy," after listening to the orchestra for a while, pointed to the drummer and said, "That man has only struck one note in five minutes. He need not be paid so much."

Most likely that was "Jimmy" White's humour.

A man called on a lawyer, and said "What can I do to a boy who threw a stone and broke one of my windows?"

"Ask his father to pay for the damage," replied the lawyer.

"Then perhaps you will hand me over 4s.," said the man. "It was your son that did it."

"Certainly," replied the lawyer. "If you give me 2s. 8d., the amount of my fee, we shall be quits."

PICKET SHOT.

REVOLVER FUSILLADE IN QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane, July 5.
A message from Innisfail states that after receiving a message about eight o'clock last night, that shooting had occurred at Wangan, Inspector Murtha and two constables immediately proceeded to Wangan (situated midway between Innisfail and South Johnstone) where they found that a man named John Hines (42), a cane cutter at present on strike, was badly wounded. The man had two bullets in his body, one on the right side and another in the left leg. The wounded man was immediately despatched to the Innisfail Hospital, but he died shortly after admission.

From what can be gathered it appears that Hines was one of a party of five men who had been doing picket duty on the road from Wangan to South Johnstone. About eight o'clock a man appeared, and one of the pickets challenged him and walked towards him. The stranger sang out, "Look out—go back, go back!" and accompanied his words with a fusillade of five or six shots, but none of the bullets found their mark. The manner in which the words were spoken gave the impression that the stranger was a foreigner. The man then went towards South Johnstone, and soon disappeared behind some stunted growth on the roadside.

It is said that Hines, against the counsel of his mates, followed in the direction of the stranger, and a few seconds later another fusillade rang out. The gunman appeared to be crouching behind a bush and to have a revolver in each hand, firing as quickly as possible. In all 12 or 13 shots were heard, and two lodged in Hines's body. When his mates saw that Hines was badly injured, an ambulance was summoned and everything was done to make him comfortable, but one of the bullets appeared to have pierced a lung.

A search was made immediately for the gunman, and a party managed to trace him to a creek, which crosses the road, but here darkness and bushes enabled him to elude his pursuers, and no trace has since been found. The police party failed to locate the man, and the search is being continued. The police are confident that the stranger cannot escape. It is believed that he was not alone at the time of the shooting.

Strangers Manhandled.

Brisbane, July 5.
News of the shooting incident has created a stir among the strikers. When the Innisfail train arrived at South Johnstone this morning two strangers alighted, and it is understood that they were on the way to seek employment at the mill. Some of the strikers, who were visibly incensed over last night's happenings, started to manhandle the men, but the police and strike officials intervened and the men were protected against further violence.

The funeral of the victim of last night's shooting, J. Hines, took place this afternoon. It was most impressive, more than 400 men marching abreast followed the hearse, behind which were two union officials carrying a large banner inscribed "Comrade Jack Hines, murdered last night whilst doing duty as strike picket."

The service at the graveside also was most impressive. Deceased was unmarried, and had a brother living in the Gayndah district.

Demonstrations by Strikers.

Brisbane, July 5.
A message from Innisfail states that considerable excitement was caused late this afternoon by three or four hundred industrialists, the majority of whom were strikers from South Johnstone, who demonstrated in the streets of Innisfail. The men had attended the funeral of Hines and marched in a body back to the town carrying a banner and red flags. They paraded the streets singing the "Red Flag" and finally demonstrated outside the office of the Innisfail District Cane Growers' Association, the occupants of which (including female typists) were greatly alarmed.

During the din and uproar Mr. G. E. Hudson, who is a director of the South Johnstone Milling Association, appeared at one of the windows to address the men, but was met with yells and cries of "Who issued revolvers to scabs?" He narrowly missed being hit with stones, which struck the wall of the building only a few inches away. At this stage two officials of the strike committee came forward and stood near the window, and this put an end to stone-throwing. Mr. Hudson again made an effort to address the men, who, however, refused to listen. The position for a time was very ugly and it was feared that there would be a serious result.

Eventually, however, the crowd again formed up and before leaving

£1,000,000.

WILL OF A MILLIONAIRE UNCLE.

Details of the will of Mr. Wilham Fox Tibbitts, Sheffield's millionaire solicitor, who left the bulk of his estate to his niece, Miss Henrietta Sarah Fisher, of Tunbridge Wells, are published.

Mr. Tibbitts, who lived in the slum district of Sheffield, owned large blocks of property in the city and held a controlling interest in many industrial concerns, has left property valued at £1,522,687, and the death duties will amount to between £500,000 and £600,000. The testator gives to his clerk, William Knowles, £1,000; to his housekeeper, Ann Elizabeth Knowles, £300; to his foreman, George Knowles, £100; and to the Sheffield Infirmary £500. The residue is left to his niece.

When it was reported that Miss Fisher was likely to become a millionairess through her uncle's will she said that "I do not want to talk about it."

Miss Fisher has lived in Tunbridge Wells for four years and has interested herself in Conservative work. She became president of the Broadwater town branch of the Women's Conservative Association. Miss Fisher, it was stated, mentioned at a meeting that she might soon be going away.

Mr. Tibbitts died at the age of 85. He lived in an old-fashioned house in a poor district on back-to-back dwellings. He lived the life of a poor man and for recreation took penny tramcar rides. He had travelled extensively on the Continent, but gave up this recreation because in his views hotel charges had become too high.

In place of a car he owned a motor-cycle combination. He never married.

GAIETY OF ROME.

EVADING THE FASCIST CURFEW.

Rome is not at all a city of somnambulists.

Foreigners go to Paris in order to be up and doing all night, but in Rome duty urges every good tourist to spend his day rushing through dusty ruins and airless museums. When night comes he drags himself to his hotel and collapses so thoroughly that it would take a great deal to rouse him to any further activity.

The majority of actual citizens work all day, take a stroll, and dine late, often after nine o'clock. Then they smoke, read their paper, and settle down for a comfortable evening at home. The women of the family potter about in the house or do some needle work. So that after ten o'clock the streets are far from crowded. Summer is, of course, another matter.

The cafes are scarcely ever full in the evenings, with the exception of those in the centre of the town, such as the old Cafe Aragno, renowned at one time for political discussion and arguments that were often settled by a stand-up fight. All these cafes close between eleven and twelve. Bars remain open and each of these has, according to the hour, a clientele all of its own.

There are dozens of prosperous cinemas. The films are for the most part good, and the public does not shy at high prices. When a new picture is released the more pretentious picture theatres, such as the Corso and the Super-Cinema, announce a gala performance, usually for the benefit of some charity or institution. At the final performance of this, beginning at 10.30 p.m., the most impressive crowd turns up, bedecked as for a genuine premiere,

GREAT DISCOVERY.

TO ERADICATE TRACHOMA IN CHINA.

Without some explanation, the tremendous enthusiasm displayed by a great gathering of eye specialists at Washington, when 1,000 of them impulsively rose and cheered the discovery of a Japanese doctor, may appear strange and almost foolish. The isolation of the long sought germ of trachoma means little to the man in the street; but the following brief extract from Dr. Harvey J. Howard's intensely interesting work, "Ten Weeks with Chinese Bandits," shows that the discovery will be of untold benefit to millions of sufferers in China, and probably also to those in other Eastern countries.

Dr. Howard says:—"Whirlwinds, famines, floods, and disease are rampant in China, the most devastating of these three is disease. And of all the diseases the one causing most misery and economic distress is probably trachoma. It is found all over China; it affects nearly every home and all classes of society. From statistics I had gathered, I had come to the conclusion that fully 100 million of Chinese people have trachoma, and that probably a million new cases, mostly children, develop each year. I had estimated that not less than one million Chinese are blind in both eyes, and that three or four millions more are blind in one eye; further, that not far from 20 millions have had their vision so much impaired by inflammation and the formation of scar tissue, due to trachoma, that they are able to see only the barest kind of existence."

—and an important half—of the show, and are determined to do what they can about it.

Clubs.

A law has been passed lately to close dancing places and tabarins, but whoever has time and money to spare can always find something to do. In the big hotels dancing always goes on in the evening after ten o'clock, and once or twice during the week there are "special" evenings, at which a lot of Romans and foreigners turn up. Some "dancings" have been converted into places, where you can look at a variety show as you quaff a glass of champagne. Then there are several private clubs.

One of the most amusing places in which to spend the evening is certainly the "Teatro degli Indipendenti," run by the celebrated metteur-en-scene, Anton Giulio Bragaglia. This "theatre" is scooped out some few yards below the level of the street, among the old walls. Here Bragaglia puts on first plays, original plays, and those belonging to some particular school of the ultra-modern. From time to time he also organises concerts, exhibitions, poetry-readings, futurist lectures—anything unusual that will draw.

Until a few months ago one would go down there after the show, during the hours before dawn, to eat, drink, dance (the band was one of the best in Rome), and talk over the latest kings and newest cabbages. There was a typical crowd of journalists, authors, flappers of doubtful age, and reputation, artists, and a few foreigners, either of the Roman colony or tourists. Bragaglia refused to be snuffed out when dancing was banned, and in its place organised variety shows—miming, tableaux vivants, miniature Russian ballets, and so on. It is surprising what he has done, in spite of the limitations of space, for the stage is lilliputian and the audience crowded almost on the top of it.

Over and above the typical "osterie," where food and wine are alike delicious, and the characteristic restaurants of the Basilica Ulpia type, where you can get drunk on historic memories, good wine and purely Italian music, there still exists in Rome a unique locale which every foreigner should know.

Like Bragaglia's it is underground. It is called "Biblioteca del Valle," the Library of the Valle. The Valle is the name of the theatre hard by and also of the admirable restaurant over the Biblioteca. Down there, spreading over eight or nine rooms, is a library of a new kind—its walls covered with thousands of bottles of aqua di Trevi, a very delicious wine that has had no commerce with Bernini's fountain.

A trio of blind musicians dispense discreet harmonies to the guests gathered round the many red tables—a very mixed crowd, ranging from smart society women to ardently unwashed young painters from the Via Margutta. Every now and then a party of students of German tourists troops in, so radiantly pleased with life that every one feels inspired to join in their hearty songs and shouts.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

August 13—Queen's Theatre; "A Kiss in the Dark."

August 13—World Theatre; "Rose of the World."

August 13—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Our Cabaret in "Tally Ho," 9.30 p.m. "The Denver Dude," 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

August 13—Grand Concert at City Hall, 6.30 p.m.

August 22—Social Service for Service men on the roof of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

October 1—H.K. & W.G. & M.C.L.'s "Fun o' The Fair," Lee Gardens.

Sports.

August 13—Baseball: S. China Tigers v. Club de Recreo; All-Around Chinese of Honolulu v. Far East (Chinese-Filipinos-Japanese), 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

August 14—Hong Kong Baseball Club v. S. China "Dragons;" All-Around Chinese of Honolulu v. All Hong Kong; Happy Valley Diamond, 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

August 15—At Sales Room Duddell Street, one bale Khaki Drills, 11 a.m.

August 16—Sale of 2,500 stamps at Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

September 15—Valuable properties in the New Territories, at Messrs. Lammer's Sales Room, 8, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

August 18—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., Ltd., Liquidators Office, 3, Queen's Road Central, H. K. noon.

August 22—Meeting of Shareholders of M.Y. San Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), to confirm resolution passed at previous meeting, Queen's Road Central, 2.30 p.m.

August 26—Fortieth annual meeting of members of the H.K. Football Club, in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (top floor), 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 13—Moonlight bathing picnic under the auspices of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

August 13—Night fete at Victoria Recreation Club, when first class Australian stars, passing through to Japan will also compete.

August 14—Short Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.40 p.m.

August 21—Band of the 1st Queen's Royal Regt. will play at evening service at St. John's Cathedral.

August 26—Whist drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

NATIONAL SAVING.

A very satisfactory position of affairs as regards saving by means of Savings Certificates was disclosed at the annual meeting of the National Savings Assembly. Major-General Seely said the after effects of the war on the purchase of certificates was still felt, and there had also been a falling off in the rate of progress, attributable to the industrial troubles of 1926. Nevertheless £40,000,000 Savings Certificates had been sold during the year, which, while less than in the previous year, was very satisfactory in the circumstances. The repayments were also heavier, but not so heavy as might have been expected, considering the great amount of unemployment. Including interest, the amount at the credit of investors in Savings Certificates is £192,000,000, which is £18,000,000 more than the year before. A satisfactory extension of the movement has been made in the industrial world, and as the result of the work of a committee which has been sitting for some months it is anticipated that they will be able to make a much larger extension amongst employees in industry.

NOTICE.

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In connection with the FAIR an Arts & Crafts Competition will be held, for which prizes of the value of \$10.00, \$5.00, and \$2.50 will be given.

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Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh and his mother, Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh.

U.S. MILLIONAIRES.

Speaking in dollars, there are (or were in 1925, the year for which the figures are given) 207 millionaires in the United States, 96 of these being in New York State. This is a jump from 75 in the previous year. No fewer than 4,176,000 individuals were called upon to pay tax, and their average income for taxation was £1,050. In spite of this jump in very big incomes, there has been a decrease of 14 per cent. in the total net incomes in comparison with the preceding year. Seven persons have incomes of £1,000,000 or more. It is evident from the returns that quite two-thirds of the wealth of the United States has its home east of the Mississippi. During the year just under 147 million sterling was paid in income tax, of which 22 per cent. was paid in New York State. A considerable portion of some of the incomes is derived from dividends upon securities, which are exempt from taxes, so that the figure of income tax given hardly reveals the true wealth of the country.

ing they suspended in front of the building the banner which they had carried in front of the funeral procession, with a red flag on either side of it. The strikers then marched to the Hotel Grand Central, where they made a further demonstration until the hotel closed its doors. The men then marched to the railway station and boarded a special train for South Johnstone.

The position appears to be very unsettled and feeling is running high.

shining with jewels and brilliant.

A good many foreigners come to these shows. If it is a question of a "serata di gala patriottica" the thing is brightened up by representatives of the Government, national anthems, and rounds of applause. When Italians feel patriotic they like every one to know it.

Prices. The cinema has now become quite an institution as part of the night amusement of the capital. The prices of seats are as high as those of the theatre. They are raised, if, in addition to the usual films, some music-hall number, a dance or a song is put on.

Until summer begins, a fair number of theatres are always open; the opera, three or four in which drama and comedy are played, one or two for musical comedy, two or three music halls, and several companies of dialect players. There is much talk of the "crisis" of the theatre, but when companies of established fame are playing, and appropriate plays are chosen, the public turn up in good numbers.

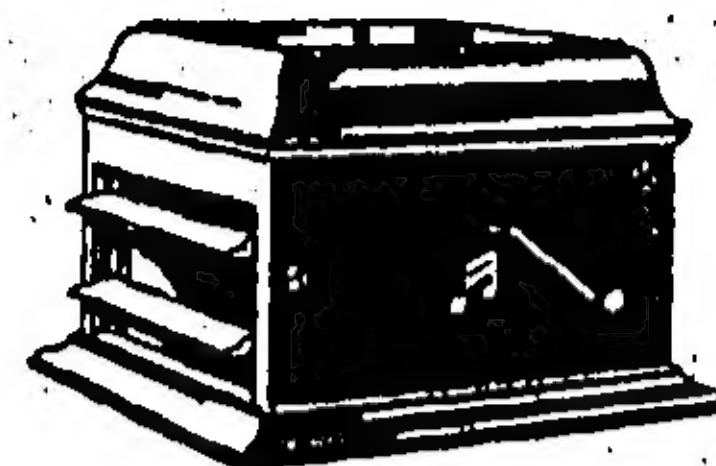
Rome often entertains foreign actors, M. and Mme. Pitoeff, for instance, recently scored a wonderful success. The auditoriums of the older theatres are often very charming. The stage effects are of the poorest imaginable, the acting of the best. The public is critical, alert, intelligent, though sometimes, from the Anglo-Saxon point of view, a trifle too exuberant in its manner of expression. The Italian public realise that they are half

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A tiger measuring 7ft. 7in. from tip to tail was shot by a Malay named Hassa bin Tambi at Ulu Piah.

The Shanghai Chinese military authorities have released Mr. Wu Chung-yi, a lawyer, who was arrested on a charge of being in communication with the Communists.

The French Embassy in Tokyo is in receipt of a cable announcing that two French fliers will leave Paris for Tokyo tomorrow via the trans-Siberian route and via Sun-gari and Pyongyang, Korea.

The Chin Foong and the Al Mian Schools, both of Singapore, have been declared unlawful schools, as they have been used for the purpose of political propaganda detrimental to the interests of the Colony and the public.

Six Chippendale mahogany chairs and two armchairs, with pierced ladder-pattern backs, realised £278 5s. at Christie's, while eight Chippendale mahogany chairs, with interlaced backs carved with fluting, were sold for £273.

The Deputy Controller of Labour, Penang, telegraphs that 2,263 labourers arrived by the "Rhona," of whom 307 were landed at Penang for quarantine and the balance proceeded to Port Swettenham for quarantine there.

A Muar Chinese Club has been formed in Malaya, with Mr. Khor Kok-hong, the manager for the Ho Hong Bank, Ltd., as its first President. Mr. Khor is also President of the Sim Huang Hong and the Lok E Hean Clubs, and chairman of the committees of the Chinese Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Of the 2,000 coolies required for British North Borneo, who are being drawn from Java, about half have already proceeded to their destination. The emigrants seem to be keen on going to British North Borneo as according to returning coolies the treatment they receive on the British estates is excellent.

The tenth anniversary of the battle of Messines, the battle in which we exploded nineteen great mines, the simultaneous explosion of which was heard by Mr. Lloyd George at Walton Heath was held recently. One who has seen the Messines battlefield recently, says that the great mine craters remain despite efforts on the part of the Belgians to fill one in. They have been transformed into lakes and young trees are appearing on the banks of them. Here are perhaps, the only considerable signs of the war which are likely to endure to show that modern warfare can actually alter the geography of the countryside.

A baby show will be held in the Town Hall, Singapore, on Aug. 17.

The erection of buildings to house the Malayan Exhibition, at the Kuala Lumpur racecourse, is proceeding apace.



Bernt Balchen, who was formerly a Lieutenant in the Norwegian Navy, and accompanied Commander Byrd on his North Pole flight expedition as a mechanic, accompanied the Commander on his flight to Paris.

Tsang Siu-tien was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, at the Shanghai Provisional Court for wilfully damaging a barbed wire entanglement in Haining Road and stealing five pieces of wood from the gate. The Court was asked to take a very serious view of the offence, as a lot of damage had been done to the barricades in this manner.

The "Central China Post" says: "At last, to the relief of every Hankow Race Club member, the soldiers have been withdrawn, although the small remains. Those who went out to the Club the other afternoon, prepared to run what has become a customary gauntlet against typhoid fever besides other ills, were pleasantly surprised to find the road vacant of all except the refuse left behind. The odour was unabated, but that was to be expected, as the road had become nothing more than an open latrine. We hear that the detachment which occupied the road went with the rest of the 35th Army across to Wu-chang."

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha announces its decision to construct a few superior type passenger vessels next year.

The Oriental Cotton Mill, 36 Yangtzepoo Road, Shanghai, which closed down on July 1 because of a dispute with the employees over a bonus, has reopened.

Passengers by an in-coming German air liner had a bird's-eye view of a ceremony, performed for the first time on Folkestone Leas where the massed drums and fifes and pipers of the Shorncliffe garrison regiments sounded the "Retreat."

A big fire broke out in Singapore Old Town. The fire originated in a godown occupied by a new import company but the actual cause is unknown. It is thought probable that a spark from a passing engine set fire to celluloid articles stored in the godown. In any case damage to the contents to the extent of £70,000 was done, insurance not covering the loss.

Though regretting that "non-proletarian generals with hired armies had deserted the people's cause, the "Pravda" says that it was bound to come to this sooner or later, hopefully adding that China's real revolutionaries now, by feeling the whole weight of their responsibility, will gather additional strength to fight the pseudo-patriotic henchmen of the bourgeoisie, Chiang, Feng and company.

Joseph Foster, who was arrested at Hamilton (New Zealand) recently in connection with the disappearance of a mailbag containing £10,000 in Treasury notes which was stolen in transit between Cardiff and London on the night of February 2, appeared before the magistrate at Wellington (New Zealand) recently and was remanded pending the arrival of warrants and documents from England. Bail was refused.

Cruelty to animals is a crime which deserves severe punishment and the number of cases which are disclosed in court would suggest that heavier penalties than those at present being inflicted could with advantage be awarded. An average of three to four cases a day are heard in the Second Court, Singapore, fines ranging from \$10 to \$15 being imposed. On Thursday ten cases were heard, the charges being for the most part against bullock-car drivers for overloading or working lame bullocks. The Magistrate personally inspects the animals before going on to the bench. It is encouraging to hear (says the "Malay Mail") that a European recently stopped a Tamil for ill-treating his bullock and gave evidence in court. The more of this public spirit the better.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

"Majority calling" at Bridge is now the rule in Malayan clubs and appears to find general favour.

It is stated that Resident Arends of Sumatra's West Coast has tendered his resignation as from September 1.

Mr. Harold Butcher, special correspondent for a number of British newspapers, including the "Manchester Guardian," has arrived in Japan, where he proposes to stay some time before going on to China.

One of Japan's greatest commercial magnates, Baron Kihitiro Okura, president of the firm Okura Co., Ltd. is expected to arrive in Batavia. The Baron is accompanied by Mr. Toyoki, a partner of Okura and Co. and four other prominent business men. The object of the visit is a trip through Netherlands India and a study of trade.

Dr. Anne Walter Fearn, who has been spending several weeks in Vienna, will visit Paris and London before going on to the United States for the autumn and winter. Dr. Fearn flew from Venice to Vienna, enjoying that method of travel very much, and, despite her vigorous campaign of sight-seeing and study, she is able to report a considerable improvement in health.

Among the guests of Sir Trevor and Lady Dawson at their Hertfordshire residence, Edgewarebury House, Elstree, on July 2, were Prince Chulalongkorn of Siam, the Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui, General Sir George and Lady Macdonogh, and Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady Leveson, Admiral the Hon. Edmund Fremantle, Admiral Sir Frederick and Lady Tudor, and Lieutenant-General Sir Travers and Lady Clarke.

Lord Lonsdale figured in an amusing incident after the judging in the big class for costers' donkeys and turnouts at the International Horse Show, at Olympia. Always extremely popular with the donkeys' owners, he was dancing the Charleston to the music of the Royal Marine Band, with two of the "pearly queens" in the arena, when they elypted and all three fell. His silk hat was knocked from his head and his inevitable cigar fell from his mouth, but he rose smiling and untroubled amid a storm of cheering.

Mr. J. Crab-Watt has been appointed to act as Deputy Public Prosecutor, Penang.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Santry, of Singapore, are paying a visit to Kuala Lumpur, and are staying at the Station Hotel.

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, the wife of the Prime Minister, gave a Garden Party on June 30, at 10, Downing-street. The guests included a large number of members of both Houses of Parliament as well as many personal friends. Among those attending were Colonel and Mrs. Applin, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell-Irving.

Lady Drummond Hay has returned to Shanghai by the N.Y.K. s.s. "Shanghai Maru," from Japan.

Mr. C. B. Whitehead, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Province Wellesley, and Miss Whitehead are visiting Kuala Lumpur.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute the following were among the Fellows elected:—Edward F. G. Davies (Johore), Douglas E. Forbes (Johore), Ee Yew-kim (Malacca), Rupert H. Pope (Kuala Lumpur), Noel T. Sagar (Kuala Lumpur), Wm. A. Way (Fahang), and Robt. M. Whiteside (Kuala Lumpur).



Adviser to War Lord

General John Sifton, adviser to the Northern War Lord, Chang Tso Ling, since 1924, who intends to tour America and Europe advocating intervention by the Powers in the Chinese crisis. General Sifton has not spilt with Chang Tso Ling but intends to work for him to promote the intervention of the Powers.

He is here taken on the Canadian Pacific liner, the "Empress of Canada," having come to Vancouver to arrange for a fishing trip in British Columbia waters.

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PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

C. WHITCOMBE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Blackpool, Yesterday. The northern professional golf championship over 72 holes was won by Charles Whitcombe, of Crews Hill, with an aggregate score of 280.—Reuter.

Lowest Aggregate.

Whitcombe's is the lowest aggregate for 72 holes ever returned in a major championship in Britain. He wins £350, the biggest cash prize in British professional golf. He



C. Whitcombe.

went round to-day in 70 and 69. Davies, of Prenton, was second with 286.

Melhorn took 74 and 67 and with Barber of Cavendish aggregated 287.

Compston took 288, Duncan 290, Nubhoitz 302, H. Gaudin, Wainstead, with 291, broke the course record with a 66 including two twos.—Reuter.

KEEPING FIT.

SOME HINTS BY H. M. ABRAHAMS.

Harold M. Abrahams, the sprinter, writing in the "Royal Magazine" for July, gives a few hints on how to acquire that state of general fitness which is necessary in order to excel in any game. The following are taken from the article:—

I take 45 strides in which to cover a hundred yards. Now, an error of only one inch per stride would mean in the aggregate nearly four feet difference—over one-tenth of a second. That is only an error of about one and a half per cent., but it is all the difference between success and failure. A slight cold or a late night could easily account for such an error, and it will be seen that the man who hopes for international distinctions can leave nothing to chance.

The golfer, lawn tennis player, swimmer, or runner must realise that the good athlete has to superimpose on a really healthy body the specialised training of the particular art. It is useless to attempt to become an athlete until you are a healthy individual first.

Always in Training.

Don't make a Lenten penance of going into training, and see that you never get into such a ghastly state of unfitness that you require a revolution in your everyday activities in order to be reasonably fit. A man or a woman should always be "in training," though he or she need not always be fighting fit.

As for smoking and alcohol, opinions are as divided as they can be, but everyone seems to agree (except the fanatic) that it is excess that is harmful, and that moderation never did anyone any harm.

"No training will make a Mille. Lenglen or a Harry Vardon unless the potential ability exists. Training will do a good deal, but all the training in the world would not enable a ten-ton lorry to defeat a Rolls-Royce at Brooklands."

Don't get too rattled by the performances of your opponent. If you have done all the training you should, and he is really the better man, that's your parents' fault and not your own.

LOCAL PING PONG.

MEETING OF HONG KONG LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Hong Kong Ping Pong League was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Thursday evening, when representatives from nine different clubs were present. Thirteen teams have joined the League.

After the minutes of the last meeting were passed the following were unanimously elected on the Committee: Chairman, Mr. Ng Tai-ping (Wah Yan Old Boys' Union); Vice-Chairman, Mr. Chan Kwok-chuen (Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society); Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chan Wai-ming (Wah Yan College); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ko Yau-cheong (Young Men's Christian Association); Business manager, Mr. Wong Tung-hoi (South China Athletic Association).

Another meeting will be held this evening when rules governing the League will be drawn up.

HOME FOOTBALL.

F.A. COUNCIL AND 7½ PER CENT. LIMIT.

Consideration of the right of companies to borrow money at interest beyond 7½ per cent. without the previous consent of the F.A. was referred by the council to the Rules Revisions Committee, as also was the right of clubs to issue season tickets covering a number of years.

Permission was given to the Football League to play the Irish League on September 21 and the Scottish League on October 22, but this latter date is subject to revision.

The council decided that it is not permissible under the constitution of the F.A. that a representative of a referees' organisation be elected to the council.

Torquay United were granted permission to withdraw from the Cup competition without prejudice to their position next season and the entries of Taunton United and Waverley Athletic were not accepted.

The application from the Manchester and District Federation for a grant in aid of their funds was declined.

The president in handing the long-service medal to Mr. H. J. Hubbard (Division IX) referred to the services of that gentleman as a member of the council for 20 years.

SINGAPORE BOXER.

BUD WALLEY DRAWS WITH JOE ALEXANDER.

Bud Walley, the well-known Singapore flyweight and brother of the famous "Boy," fought in his first main event at the Manila Stadium on July 16. His opponent was Joe Alexander, whom he had met on two previous occasions in semi-finals, and the result of twelve furious rounds was declared a draw.

Mr. Kim Lin, manager of Bud Walley, writes: "Bud trained only two days for the fight, which was put on at short notice as a substitute for a main event which fell through, and to last twelve three-min. rounds of fast fighting means a lot. I am confident that, properly handled, Bud may become even better than his brother."

"Alexander has defeated such good boys as George Montanez and Jack Silva, and he held Speedy Dado to a draw. He is a pure and simple slogger, who depends on his strength and toughness to win."

Only Possible Decision.

The "Manila Daily Bulletin" says: "A draw was the only possible decision. Gray matter helped Walley overcome the big lead Alexander took over him in the first stages of the match. The Singapore lad took things easy at first, reserving his strength for the last rounds, when he weakened Alexander considerably with hammering blows to the body. Bud pulled a boner, however, in the last canto. He tried slugging his opponent, which nearly cost him the battle."

"That there is no love lost between Joe and Bud was evident from the manner in which they hit each other, even after the bell would ring for rest. Going over the 12-round limit for the first time, both lads surprised the crowd by keeping lively during the last stages of the contest and apparently feeling fresh."

First Half for Alexander.

"From the start up to the middle of the fight, Alexander had things his way. He connected rather often with Bud's face and sent home some stinging left hooks. But Alexander bluffed the crowd once in a while. In the fourth canto he had the obrero section in an uproar when he started swinging at Bud while his punches reverberated through the house like the booming of cannon. Yet, those in the ringside seats did not see him land a good solid punch that round. While the galleries thought he was murdering Bud, his punches were falling mildly on Walley's elbows."

Walley Catches Up.

"From the seventh up to the 11th, Walley doubled up Joe with wicked punches to the body. He started boxing and had Joe guessing what it was all about in the eighth, ninth and 11th rounds, and hammered his rival to his heart's content. The last canto, however, nearly proved to be his Waterloo. After starting fine, he made the mistake of thinking that he could outslug Joe. Alexander simply patted him with some corking wallops that had Bud's face bobbing up like a cork on a stormy sea."

BOXERS & FILMS.

DEMPSEY'S SUPPRESSED DESIRE.

MALAYAN SUCCEEDS.

When Jack Dempsey was still the heavy-weight champion of the world he confessed to me (writes Mr. Trevor C. Wignall) that one of the regrets of his life was that he had been so successful as fighter. It was his ambition at this time to become a celebrated film actor. It will be remembered that about three years ago this desire prompted him to sink some of his fortune in a film company, to undergo an operation on his nose so that it could be made more presentable and to blossom out as a "movie" star. It will also be recollected that as a rival to Valentino and others he was a failure.

All this returned to my mind when I read that Victor McLaglan, one of the most disappointing heavy-weight boxers even Britain has known, had swept the United States into enthusiasm, and was in the act of similarly sweeping London by his



Jack Sharkey, who recently knocked out Jimmy Maloney, the Boston heavyweight. He was then knocked out by Dempsey.

representation of a soldier-character in the film "What Price Glory?"

Lucky Defeats.

It is stated that McLaglan to-day is one of the highest-paid film actors in the world, that his salary is over \$20,000 a year, and he is on the smooth road that leads to millionairehood.

If this was so he must be thanking his stars that in 1919, at the National Sporting Club, Frank Goddard knocked him out in three rounds, and that in the following year, in the same building, Arthur Townley deposited him on his broad back in the seventh round.

The last time I met him was in a restaurant in Piccadilly a little more than a year ago. He had given up boxing then—was ready as a matter of fact, to admit that he was no good at it—and it is betraying no secret to state that his adventurous life had given him so little in the way of compensation that he was wondering what on earth he should turn to next.

Beautifully Broken Nose. Dempsey, a great boxer, failed as a film actor. McLaglan, a poor

and crude fighter, and with a beautifully broken nose—a feature that was a grief to Dempsey—as a portrayer of human emotions climbs to heights that are only accessible to the very few. Life, it seems to me, is full of old and romantic twists.

Yet there was a time when McLaglan, the son of a bishop and one of six massive brothers, looked like setting the pugilistic Thames on fire. It was just before the war, and the venue, I think, was the West London Stadium. McLaglan, fresh from some revolution or another (he was, in his own words, always looking for trouble and excitement), was matched with Dan McGoldrick, a Scot who was close on the heels of some of the champions. McLaglan defeated him; but it was not his victory so much as his massiveness, his tremendous earnestness, and his fighting features that captured imagination.

Out Like Snuffed Candle. He did so well as to suggest that the heavy-weight champion had so long been pining for had at last been found.

TRYING TOO HARD.

OUR CONCENTRATION AT GOLF.

A TENDENCY TO WATCH.

The season of holiday golf is at hand; the season when lightness of heart asserts itself on seaside links as though foolish shots had ceased to trouble the conscience, and when conversation on extraneous subjects breaks out as though adversity had no vexatious subjects, writes Harry Vardon. I am not going to say that this is the proper spirit in which to pursue the game. The whole lure of golf, the supreme quality that makes it attractive to business men and brain-workers, is that it is so much more difficult than most things they attempt that it diverts their minds completely from all the other problems of life. During the playing, it demands and exacts exclusive attention. Still, the golfing holiday frame of mind may be a useful factor in the sense that it provides a holiday from real golf. I sometimes wonder, too, just how far a leavening of it—a modest touch of it—would be helpful in the solemn seasons, when golf is sought as a relief from the worries of a work-a-day world.

The majority of players are so engrossed in the possibilities of improving at it that in many instances they bring upon themselves the tribulation of over-concentration. The symptoms of trying too hard are clear to anybody who has had a large measure of experience at the game. They begin with a long drawn-out process of waggling the club-head at the ball, a process which merely amounts to procrastination. It produces an affliction of its own, it promotes inevitably a tightening of all the muscles, and nobody can swing properly when his muscles are taut and his grip of the club is so tight that the blood flees from his knuckles, a condition in which you may see numerous people trying to his long shots.

Making It Difficult.

Often I have to say to a pupil: "You make too hard work of it. Don't try so hard, just swing the club easily." I am certain that in many instances the first vital necessity is to point out the tendency towards over-concentration. Possibly a few people of rare disposition manage to thrive on it.

I am told that Lieut.-Col. J. Sherwood Kelly, a V. O. of the Great War, became a scratch player in the Seaford Links Club within four months of swinging a club for the first time—surely the most rapid progress that anybody ever has made at the game—and that he did it by devoting his time entirely to golf as a rest-cure. He played two rounds a day with a professional, starting very early, so as to have a clear course and, whenever he made a mistake, he practised the shot again and again until he could accomplish it satisfactorily. For four months he did nothing but this, and then, returning scores for his handicap, he was placed at scratch. This, perhaps, is diligence rather than over-concentration on any one shot.

Mr. Bobby Jones declares that "the habit of grim concentration throughout the round is a mis-

take, for me, anyway. If I walk along like an Indian, concentrating on the next shot with an eighth of a mile to tramp before reaching the ball, I am tired out when I stand up to the shot. Lately, I have found that a word or two with the man I am playing with, or the referee, or maybe some friend in the gallery, relieves the tension. Then, when I get to the ball, I can turn on the concentration as hard as I need."

In a large degree, everybody is a law unto himself in this matter. Mr. John Ball, the most successful British amateur that ever lived, was a very quick player, for whom, apparently, the game had no cares or problems, but he certainly wanted nobody to speak to him during the round. At Hoylake, he always engaged a caddy who happened to be deaf and dumb. Mr. Ball was as accurate and skilful a striker of the ball, except in putting, as Mr. Jones is to-day. He played very quickly—sometimes, it looked, carelessly—and yet wrapped himself in such an atmosphere of concentration that nobody could think of talking to him during the round.

Stopping and Re-starting. The surest sign that a player is given to over-concentration is provided when he stops his preliminary flourish of the club-head at the ball after having apparently worked himself up for the stroke, and begins the operation all over again, and one sees this not infrequently. When a golfer finds himself falling into such a habit, he ought to make up his mind to speed up his address. To be sure, it is better to stop than to hit the ball in a state of over-concentration and physical constriction, but it is best not to wait long enough to have to stop. By this, I do not mean to recommend undue hurry. A practice swing just before taking up the stance often is a very good means of loosening the joints and muscles, but once the ball has been addressed, five or six rhythmic waggles of the club-head at it ought to be enough.

To me, it is a worry rather than a help to walk forward a long way sizing up the lie of the land. I have seldom gone more than a half-dozen strides forward to examine the outlook for a shot, and always slightly ahead. I have an idea—it may be only fancy—that one can judge the situation better from the left than by standing in the direct line.

MOSLEMS OFFENDED

WILD SCENES AT A DELHI CINEMA.

Calcutta, July 5. Wild scenes were witnessed at a Delhi cinema during the showing of the film, "Moon of Israel." The film, which is taken from the Book of Exodus, depicts the story of the Israelites under the brutal Egyptian rule. It is a spectacular American production, and it was claimed by the indignant Moslem audience to contain matter outraging their religious feelings. The cinema manager declined to withdraw it, saying it had been shown in India for two years without objections being taken. A serious situation arose, and the police just arrived in time to prevent the machinery being wrecked, and the theatre being burned by the infuriated mob, who succeeded in destroying poster advertisements and the film.

CONGO ATROCITIES.

The Paris correspondent of the "Times" says that there was an uproar in the Chamber of Deputies when the Socialist Novelle interpellated the Government on allegations in M. Andre Gide's book which startlingly described conditions of native labour in the French Congo. M. Novelle alleged various atrocities by plantation owners, and the Socialists supported his remarks. The Minister for the Colonies (M. Ferrier), on rising was shouted down.

The Prime Minister (M. Poincaré) asked the Chamber angrily whether it wanted a new Government or not.

The Chamber rejected the interpellation by 418 votes to 142.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

| | London, Yesterday. |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Paris | 124.05 |
| New York | 4.86 |
| Brussels | 34.98 |
| Geneva | 25.21 |
| Amsterdam | 12.12 1/2 |
| Milan | 89.5/16 |
| Berlin | 20.44 |
| Stockholm | 18.12 |
| Copenhagen | 18.14 |
| Oslo | 18.72 |
| Vienna | 34.51 |
| Prague | 164 |
| Helsingfors | 192 1/2 |
| Madrid | 28.71 |
| Lisbon | 27/16 |
| Athens | 37 1/2 |
| Rio | 5 27/32 |
| Bucharest | 756 |
| Buenos Aires | 47 19/32 |
| Bombay | 1/6 29/32 |
| Shanghai | 1/11 1/2 |
| Hong Kong | 1/11 1/2 |
| Yokohama | 1/11 1/2 |
| Silver Spot | 25 1/10 |
| Silver Forward | 25 1/10 |

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

| On London— | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Bank Wire | 1/11 1/2 |
| Bank on demand | 1/11 5/16 |
| Bank 4 months' sight | 1/11 1/2 |
| Bank 30 day's sight | 1/11 1/2 |
| Credits 4 months' sight | 2/ 5/16 |
| Documentary 4 months' sight | 2/ 7/16 |
| On Paris— | |
| On demand | 1200 |
| Credits 4 months' sight | 1275 |
| On Berlin— | |
| On demand | 1 |
| On New York— | |
| On demand | 47 1/4 |
| Credits 60 days' sight | 48 1/4 |
| On Bombay— | |
| Wire | 130 1/4 |
| On demand | 130 1/4 |
| On Calcutta— | |
| Wire | 130 1/4 |
| On demand | 130 1/4 |
| On Singapore— | |
| On demand | 84 |
| On Manila— | |
| On demand | 96 |
| On Shanghai— | |
| On demand | 79 1/4 |
| 30 day's sight (private paper) | — |
| On Yokohama— | |
| On demand | 99 1/2 |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola) | — |
| Severigns (Bank's buying rate) | 9.95 |
| Silver (per oz.) | 25 1/16 |
| Bar Silver in Hong Kong | 1 1/2 % prem. |
| Chinese Copper Cents nom | — |
| Chinese Copper Cash 6 % pm. | — |
| Rate of Native Interest | 7 % p.a. |
| Chinese S. S. Co. 28 % dis. | — |
| Hong Kong Sub. Coin par | — |

THE SHARE MARKET.

| Stock | Hong Kong Exchange |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| T.T. on London | 1/11 1/2 |
| T.T. on Shanghai | 70 1/4 |
| Banks | — |
| Hongkong Bank | \$1055 b |
| do. Lon. Reg. | \$114 n |
| Chartered Bank | \$20 n |
| Messageries A. & B. | \$32 n |
| do. C. | \$18 1/2 n |
| P. & O. Bank | \$18 1/2 n |
| East Asia | \$85 n |
| Marine Insurance | — |
| Canton Insurance | \$590 s |
| China Underwriters | \$150 all pd. |
| North China Insurance | \$123 n |
| Union Insurance | \$281 b \$283 ss |
| Yangtze Insurance | \$35 M. s |
| Fire Insurance | — |
| China Fire Insurance | \$216 b |
| H.K. Fire Insurance | \$400 s |
| Shipping | — |
| Douglas | \$32 n |
| H.K. Steamships | \$21 1/4 sa |
| H.K. Tugs & Lighters | \$30 cts. n |
| Indo-China (Freight) | \$30 n |
| do. (Def.) | \$48 n |
| Shell Transport | \$2/- n |
| Star Line | \$54 n |
| Water-borne | \$16.90 n |
| Rubber | — |
| China Sugars | \$15 s |
| Malayan Sugars | \$32 s |
| Mining | — |
| Beaumont | \$170 n |
| Kailan Mining Ad. | 45/- n |
| Langkai (Combined) | 719 n |
| do. (Single) | 73 n |
| Shanghai Exploration | 73 1/2 n |
| Shanghai Loans | 73 1/2 n |
| Rails | H.K. \$3.65 b |
| Tromoh Mines | 19/3 n |
| Ural Caspians | 6/- n |
| Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. | — |
| H.K. & K. Wharves | \$112 b |
| H.K. & W. Docks | \$85 s |
| Hongkows | \$136 1/4 b |
| New Engineering | \$4.20 b |
| Shanghai Docks | \$91 n |
| Land, Hotels & Bldgs. | — |
| H.K. & S. Hotels | \$41 s |
| Hongkong Land | \$63 1/4 s |
| Hongkong Realty | \$6 s |
| H.K. Territorials | \$1 1/2 s |
| Humphreys Estates | \$12 1/2 n |
| Prince's Building | \$89 n |
| Rural Lands | \$1 1/2 n |
| Cotton Mills | — |
| Ewo Cotton | \$7.80 b |
| Oriental | \$1.80 b T2 s |
| Shai Cottons (Old) | \$61 n |
| do. (New) | \$25 1/2 n |
| Buses, Trams, &c. | — |
| China Buses | 77 n |
| H.K. Tramways | \$20.80 n |
| Peak Trams (old) | \$14 s |
| do. (new) | \$7 s |
| Singapore Tractions | 11/- n |
| Taxis | \$1 n |
| Miscellaneous | — |
| H.K. Amusements | \$20.6 \$21 s |
| Canton Ice | \$5 n |
| Cements (com.) | \$7 n |
| do. (old) | \$9.60 n |
| do. (new) | \$1 s |
| China Lights (comb.) | \$18 s \$12.80 ss |
| do. (old) | \$9 1/4 n |
| do. (new) | \$6 1/4 n |
| China Trv. | \$4 n |
| H.K. Construction | \$1 1/2 s |
| Dairy Farms | \$16 b \$15.10 ss |
| Dea A. Wings | \$6 n |
| H.K. Electric | \$71 b |
| H.K. Electric | \$87 b |
| H.K. Ropes (old) | \$10 n |
| do. (new) | \$5 n |
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| Sinceres | \$84 n |
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OUR GUARDS.

NOT GOING HOME THIS AUTUMN.

Any report that the two Guards battalions now in Shanghai and Hong Kong will be returning home this autumn can be discounted, for under their enlistment terms service abroad is limited to two years, and, therefore, it is certain these two battalions will fill in that time, if not in China, at least elsewhere on a foreign station. One of the most interesting movements of recent years in military garrisons will be the use of the Guards Brigade, now at Home, for service in the Mediterranean. This step had been decided upon, so that the Regiments of the Line, which would be normally stationed at Gibraltar, Malta, and Cairo, can be utilised for the Far East and China stations, where a garrison equal to at least pre-war strength is to be maintained for some years.

INDIAN NEWS.

SIR A. MUDDIMAN.

Simla, July 14.
Sir Alexander Muddiman, the outgoing Home Member, left this afternoon for Bombay en route to England. Those present at the station to wish goodbye to the Governor elect of the United Provinces were his colleagues of the Executive Council, Captain Herbert, A. D. C. to the Viceroy, Mr. Gerar, Sir John Shea, Mr. Stow and other high officials.—Associated Press.

Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs.
Calcutta, July 14.
A press communique states: With the exception of the C. and P. Section (telegraph complaints), orders regarding which will issue separately, the few branches of the office of the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs which are still in Calcutta will finally close here on the 23rd July and will open at New Delhi on 1st August next. All communications which cannot reach the Director-General's office in Calcutta before the 23rd instant should be addressed to New Delhi.—Associated Press.

Congress Republican Party.
Calcutta, July 14.
The Bengal Congress Republican party have started an office, enlisted about hundred members and appointed a committee to frame "rules and regulations." The party is the outcome of the efforts of a group of Congress politicians who, owing to recent events in Congress politics, decided to start a separate party within the Congress. The aims and objects of the new party in brief are to secure complete independence for China, to secure adult franchise within the Congress, to effect the reorganisation of labour and peasants movement, to fight against rabid communalism and to prepare the country for civil disobedience.

The office-bearers of the party will for the present be Mr. Jitendral Banerjee (President), Mr. Suall Kumar Banerjee (secretary), Mr. Mohamed Kamsim (assistant secretary) and Mr. A. N. Malik (treasurer). According to the provisional rules of the party any person who is a member of the Congress committee and who has sympathy with the aims and objects of the party may become a member.—Associated Press.

Education in Bombay.
There is a decided indication of a growing demand for secondary education in the Bombay division, says the Educational Inspector in his report for the period from 1st April to 31st December, 1926. Muhammadans of the division have begun to feel the necessity of an Anglo-Urdu school for their children. In Sind secondary schools rose from 12,544 to 13,521. An interesting feature connected with the growth of primary education is the scheme instituted for the provision of cheap village school buildings in the Surat district. The scheme has been financed by Sir Purshotamdas, Thakurdas to the extent of Rs. 15,000 as his first instalment for the purpose. It aims at providing school buildings in the villages which offer suitable building sites and contribute at least one-third of the total cost of building (exception being made in the case of schools intended for girls or backward classes) and handing them over to the district local boards.

Satisfied with the success of the scheme, the donor has promised a second instalment of Rs. 50,000 for the purpose and a programme for the provision of 26 school buildings has been drawn up for the current year. If the scheme works satisfactorily it is expected that in five years' time all district local board schools in the Surat district which are at present accommodated in hired buildings will be provided with suitable buildings.
As an offshoot of Sir Purshotomdas' charities is mentioned the institution of village school circulating libraries at Fardi taluka of the Surat district. This scheme has also worked so satisfactorily that arrangements are being made to extend it to seven other talukas.

ILLEGAL SEIZURES.

UNCHECKED IN HANGCHOW DISTRICT.

Hangchow, July 27.
The Commissioner of Education is certainly the busiest man if not the most worried man in Hangchow these days, for every few days brings up a new case of seizure of foreign property, usually schools, and the consequent statement and protests to which he, as a member of the provincial government commission and head of the bureau of education, must listen.

On July 6 the Riverside Girls' School at Ningpo was occupied by a group of local school teachers headed by a teacher recently dismissed from the school and calling themselves "the Association for the immediate taking back of education authority." The teachers and pupils of the summer school living in the building were forced into limited quarters after failure to completely oust them, while repeated attempts have been made to break their morale by night time visits to their dormitory and other types of insolence. Protests to the local officials, some of whom have lately been found to be involved, having availed nothing, the case was carried to Hangchow where the commissioner admits the illegality of the

FACTIONS IN CHINA.

PLEA FOR LEAGUE'S INTERVENTION.

In a letter to "The Times" on the subject of "Factions in China," Mr. W. E. Leveson says it is becoming increasingly hard to detect any difference of aim, any fundamental subject of dispute, let alone any cause belli, between the dominant faction-chiefs exercising power today. All are deeply pledged to a republican form of government. All are resolved upon a new basis for China's foreign relations—that is, upon the revision of her treaties with foreign countries. From all come fierce denunciations of Communism and all its works. "Nationalism" and the doctrines of Dr. Sun Yat-sen are accepted by all. Surely, then, there lies in these basic agreements of principle some platform upon which a Government may be built. Surely, too, if these premises are admitted, it becomes a world duty to offer intermediary service, in order that the prevailing misery and loss of life in China may cease.

Mr. Leveson hopes in the name of our common humanity (1) that the League of Nations may set up a board of conciliation; (2) that the representatives of the Powers in Peking might be the means of bringing about a general reconciliation; or (3) that America, whose boast is that she is China's only disinterested friend, might perform the office of "honest broker."



"Snookums," the two-and-a-half-year-old movie star, climbing up the legs of President Coolidge in order that he might have a little personal chat with him. The baby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McKee, of Los Angeles, and was introduced to the President by Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, a personal friend of the family.

FOR CHINA.

EAGERNESS TO JOIN CRUISERS.

Much eagerness is being shown by naval officers and men to join the new cruisers of the Kent class which are approaching completion. There are two strong reasons for this, one being that the vessels are of a totally new type, the first post-war cruisers in the navy, and newer even than the battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney." The other reason is that they have been allocated to the China station, in place of cruisers of the "C" and "D" classes, and this is the one station of all others where chances of distinction are most likely to arise. Only two of the five ships have yet had captains appointed to them. The "Berwick," which the Fairfield Company, the builders of the "Renown," will complete in July, is to be commanded by Captain R. S. Wykes-Sneyd, D.S.O., who was promoted for gallantry in command of the "Thetis," the first of the blockships at Zeebrugge. The "Cornwall," which is to be finished at Devonport Dockyard in October, will pass under the command of Captain the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower, the brother and heir of Earl Granville, and until recently Chief of the Staff in the Nore Command. Captains are expected to be appointed to the "Cumberland," "Suffolk," and "Kent" very shortly.

conscientious objections to the terms insisted upon by the government. The Hangchow vernacular newspapers this morning state that the provincial educational bureau, upon application from a local Kashing group "hereby grants them permission to take over the school" and orders the Kashing local magistrates to carry out their orders. It might appear that the usual admission by the commissioner of the illegality of the procedure, with his plea for patience, will not be entirely convincing in this case where the order comes, if reported true, directly from his office.—China Press.

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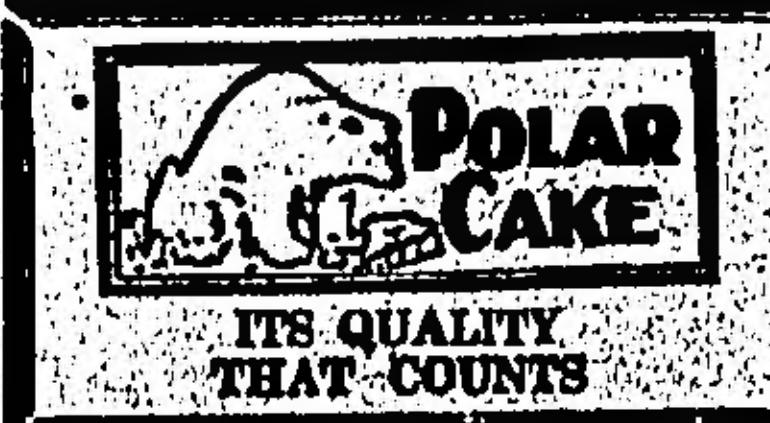
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MOTORING SECTION

MECHANICAL NOISES

SOURCE OF ELUSIVE ENGINE SOUNDS.

It is a matter of common knowledge that as soon as the exhaust noise of a motor cycle is quietened several irritating mechanical noises at once leap into prominence. They were there before, of course, but they were drowned by the beat of the exhaust note; and they are now all the more irritating in that they are not heard on cars and that their source seems to be indeterminate—now apparently definitely located in the timing gear, now almost certainly in the primary chain, and now in the gear box.

Any rider who has passed along a road fenced off with posts, and wire must have noticed that he can hear himself passing each separate post. The noise of the machine's motion is reflected back from each post to the rider's ear; and although this characteristic noise is heard in exactly the same way and in the same volume on cars, yet there is on analysis a distinct though subtle difference in the quality of the noise. Compared with the steady, surf-like which from the tyres in the case of the car, there is in the motor cycle echo an undercurrent of clicking and jingling—definitely mechanical noise.

It is these noises, then, which have lately been brought to the designer's notice by the present-day quietening of exhaust notes, and which must be eliminated to produce a more perfect motor cycle. They can conveniently be divided into two classes: engine noises, and gear box and transmission noises.

Taking the first class, this can further be classified under three sub-headings, cylinder and silencer noises, crankcase noises, and timing gear noises.

As to cylinder and silencer noises, there are, of course, differences in the amount of noise from these sources on different types of machine. Although audible on certain two-strokes, the actual sound of the explosion, termed "cylinder ring," is but rarely heard on present-day engines, especially of sports type, in spite of the fact that modern engines produce more powerful explosions than did the old low-compression units. The increased heat generated by burning the fuel in a more efficient way has necessitated thick cylinder heads and walls and deep finning, so that the sound of the explosion is deadened, except, of course, when knocking or detonation takes place.

Cylinder "Ring."

The noise, however, is still being generated, and adds its quantum to the total mechanical noise; and it has been found beneficial on some cylinder designs to minimise this ring by joining up the horizontal fins by vertical ribs at two, three, or four points round the walls of the cylinder.

The silencer noise is of a somewhat similar character. If special care be not taken in the design of the expansion chamber, a distinct silencer ring is set up, due to the exhaust gases at high pressure and velocity striking some part and causing it to vibrate at audio-frequency. Exhaust pipes very often enter the silencer at right angles to, and only a short distance away from, one of the walls of the chamber, and in such a case it would be possible to counteract the ring only by lagging the silencer, thickening or stiffening the wall, or by fitting a bolt through two of the walls, or by some such attempt to get rid of the vibration.

Exhaust pipes should lead into the expansion chamber so that the gas can expand and thus be reduced in pressure before meeting the direct opposition of a baffle plate, which, especially if riveted in position, is very liable to set up silencer ring.

Reverting to the cylinder, a common noise is the sound of the valve coming down on its seating. It is true that to a very

great extent such noises can be reduced by careful cam design, and this point will be discussed later; but in any case it is necessary to leave a small gap at the tappets, so that the final closing of the valve is purely spring-controlled.

A very simple experiment can be tried to prove that this noise is quite audible. If a cylinder with valves fitted on the bench and held firmly while a valve is opened by some means just a fraction of an inch and then suddenly released, the valve can easily be heard loudly clanging down on its seating. The acceleration obtained in this way is certainly very much higher than when the valve closing is controlled by the cam; but at high rates of revolutions, even when the valve clearances are very small, and even with the slow closing curve that can be obtained by masking the inlet valve, the valve still strikes its seating with considerable force.

It will be understood that wide valve clearances immediately involve a great amount of valve clatter; and in the design, therefore, considerable attention has to be given to the temperatures of the various engine parts, and to expansion coefficients, so that as far as possible the valve clearance may remain the same throughout the normal range of engine temperature, and may as far as possible change but little from the minimum setting when the engine is cold.

The third cylinder noise is generally known as piston slap. This is, of course, particularly noticeable on sports machines fitted with aluminium pistons, where, owing to the double expansion coefficient of aluminium in comparison with cast iron, large clearances have to be allowed between the piston and cylinder walls, especially at the piston crown above the rings. Even on engines with cast-iron pistons this noise is still present.

Its cause is the reversal of piston side thrust at the top dead centre of the compression stroke, when the rise of gas pressure takes place due to the firing of the charge. It must be remembered that throughout most of the four-stroke cycle it is the momentum of the flywheels which is causing the engine to revolve; and therefore on the compression and exhaust strokes the flywheels drive the piston up the cylinder with a considerable thrust against the front wall, due to the angularity of the connecting rod.

At top dead centre the connecting rod is vertical, and there is then no side thrust, and when the piston again descends on the inlet stroke the thrust is still against the front cylinder wall. On the explosion stroke, however, the case is altered, and the pressure of the burning gases drives the piston sharply over against the rear cylinder wall, causing a sharp hammering knock.

The only cure for this noise, of course, is to keep the piston clearances as small as possible while avoiding the possibility of seizure, and it is owing to the smaller temperature range over which a water-cooled engine works that car engines are somewhat quieter than motor cycle engines in this respect, through having closer piston clearances.

In the case of aluminium pistons, design again plays a big part. The piston should be sufficiently long to avoid tilting in the cylinder, i.e., from one to one and a quarter times its own diameter; while, owing to the high position of the centre of gravity, due to the thick crown, the gudgeon pin should be positioned well above the mid-point of the piston.

It is possible to compensate slightly for the greater clearances at the crown by employing several narrow piston rings, while a scraper ring in the skirt also helps to reduce the noise. The full-skirted piston is, of course, quieter than the slipper or relieved type, owing to the great bearing area in contact with the cylinder

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According to figures furnished by the Professors of Automotive Testing Laboratories of Purdue University, 50 per cent. of the wear and tear on an engine is caused by road dirt and dust which enter through the intake. Likewise this same dust combining with the oil of the engine is the chief ingredient of the so-called carbon which accumulates in the combustion chamber. It is appreciated by the automobile driver that Dodge Brothers in equipping their car with an air cleaner have eliminated 85 per cent. of this trouble. Dodge Brothers' engineers in testing the new device in the dustiest desert they could find in North America declared it to measure up to Dodge Brothers' exacting high standards.

KEEPING A FIRM CONTROL.

Anything which makes for greater safety and which can also be carried out at very little cost or trouble should at once commend itself to the motorist.

When the grip of the driver's hands is made less sensitive by heavy gloves, it is well to slip over the brake handle a tight-fitting piece of rubber tube, which will offer a good hold and incidentally is less chilly to the touch than the metal. Speed drivers frequently put a few inches of binding on to the spokes of the steering wheel and at intervals round its circumference. The owner-driver also can easily do this and the binding will enable him to have a much better hold on the wheel. If good quality cord, such as cotton whiplash of a dark colour, is used, then the work will be quite attractive, in appearance as well as useful.

The covering of the control pedals with leather or rubber fabric (such as a piece of old outer tyre) prevents the risk of the foot slipping off the clutch or brake and furthermore insulates the sole of the foot from the heat or cold which is conveyed by the metal of the pedals. The method of attaching such pedal covers will vary, but the ingenious amateur will soon devise a means of bolting or lacing them in place.

DISTILLING WATER.

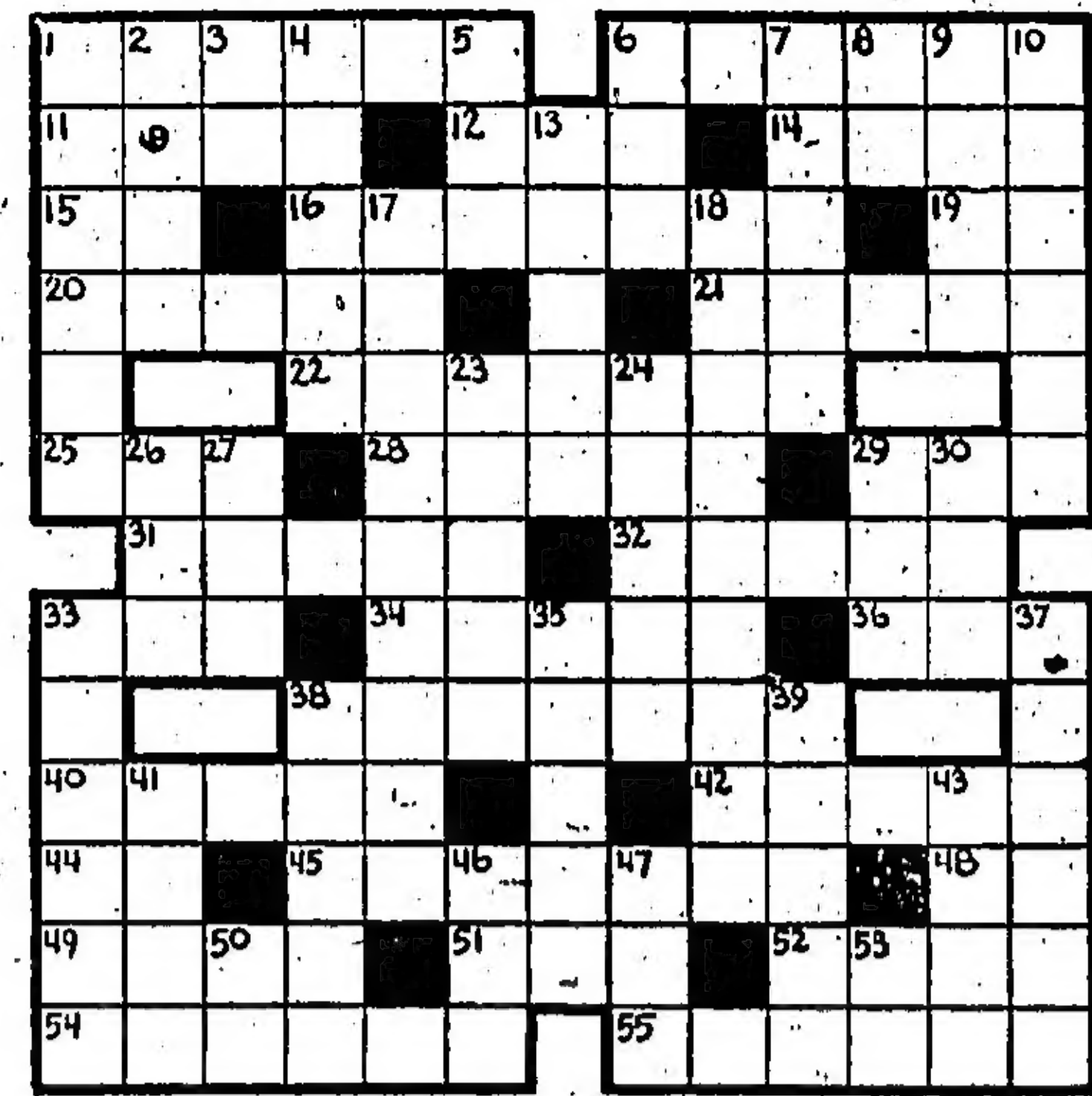
One way of obtaining distilled water quickly is to direct the steam from the spout of a kettle of boiling water against the side of a jug of cold water. The steam condenses on the walls of the jug and can be collected by standing the latter in a clean basin. The process can be kept up indefinitely provided that the kettle is replenished and the water in the jug replaced when it gets warm.

It has been stated that a break in the hose connection of the windscreen wiper is sometimes the cause of difficulty in starting the car. The break will run the vacuum tank dry.

Several special types of piston slap, also available, such as the Ward "Aerolite," or types with a split skirt and a ring inside which presses the skirt edges into close contact with the cylinder wall.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-What is the great culture of the Andes called?</p> <p>6-The part that is within</p> <p>11-To affirm</p> <p>12-Eighth month of Roman year (abbr.)</p> <p>14-To pull with force</p> <p>16-Name the Egyptian sun-god</p> <p>18-What Italian poet wrote "Orlando Furioso"?</p> <p>19-A musical note</p> <p>20-Censure</p> <p>21-Eagles</p> <p>22-To designate a person for a position</p> <p>25-And not</p> <p>28-African antelope</p> <p>29-A vegetable</p> <p>31-Passageway in church</p> <p>32-Not at any time</p> <p>33-Part of the body</p> <p>34-Large wash basin</p> <p>35-Find fault continually</p> <p>38-Withdrew</p> <p>40-Who is man's arch-enemy?</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>42-Cleanse</p> <p>44-Prefix. Form of "ex"</p> <p>45-What do you call a master of literary style?</p> <p>48-One (Scott.)</p> <p>49-What are the lowest tides called?</p> <p>51-A sense organ</p> <p>52-What is another name for soapstone?</p> <p>54-Superior mental endowment</p> <p>55-The highest point</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1-What does a diamond consist of?</p> <p>2-Roughly elliptical</p> <p>3-A compass point (abbr.)</p> <p>4-What is another name for a play?</p> <p>5-What is "Kling" in French?</p> <p>6-Possessive pronoun</p> <p>7-Brief</p> <p>8-N. central State (abbr.)</p> <p>9-Who was Italy's greatest modern tragic actress?</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>10-Who was Elijah's successor? (Bible)</p> <p>13-What palm-tree produces coconuts?</p> <p>17-Serving to repel</p> <p>18-Those who offer</p> <p>23-To double in narrow folds</p> <p>24-Hidden</p> <p>26-A skull</p> <p>27-Edge</p> <p>29-What is mightier than the sword?</p> <p>30-Time-period</p> <p>33-To occur</p> <p>35-What is the violet family of plants called?</p> <p>37-What is the most famous country of S. Europe?</p> <p>38-Who wrote the Tale of Munchausen?</p> <p>39-The same thing repeated</p> <p>41-As sea</p> <p>43-Auction</p> <p>46-Skill</p> <p>47-Man's name</p> <p>50-Short for "Albert"</p> <p>53-What is the chemical symbol for silver?</p> |
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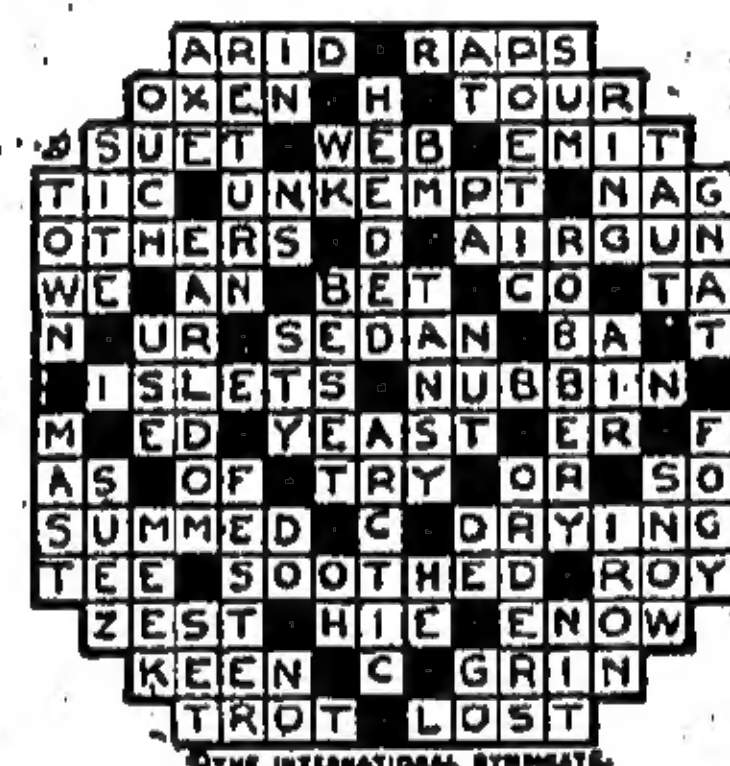
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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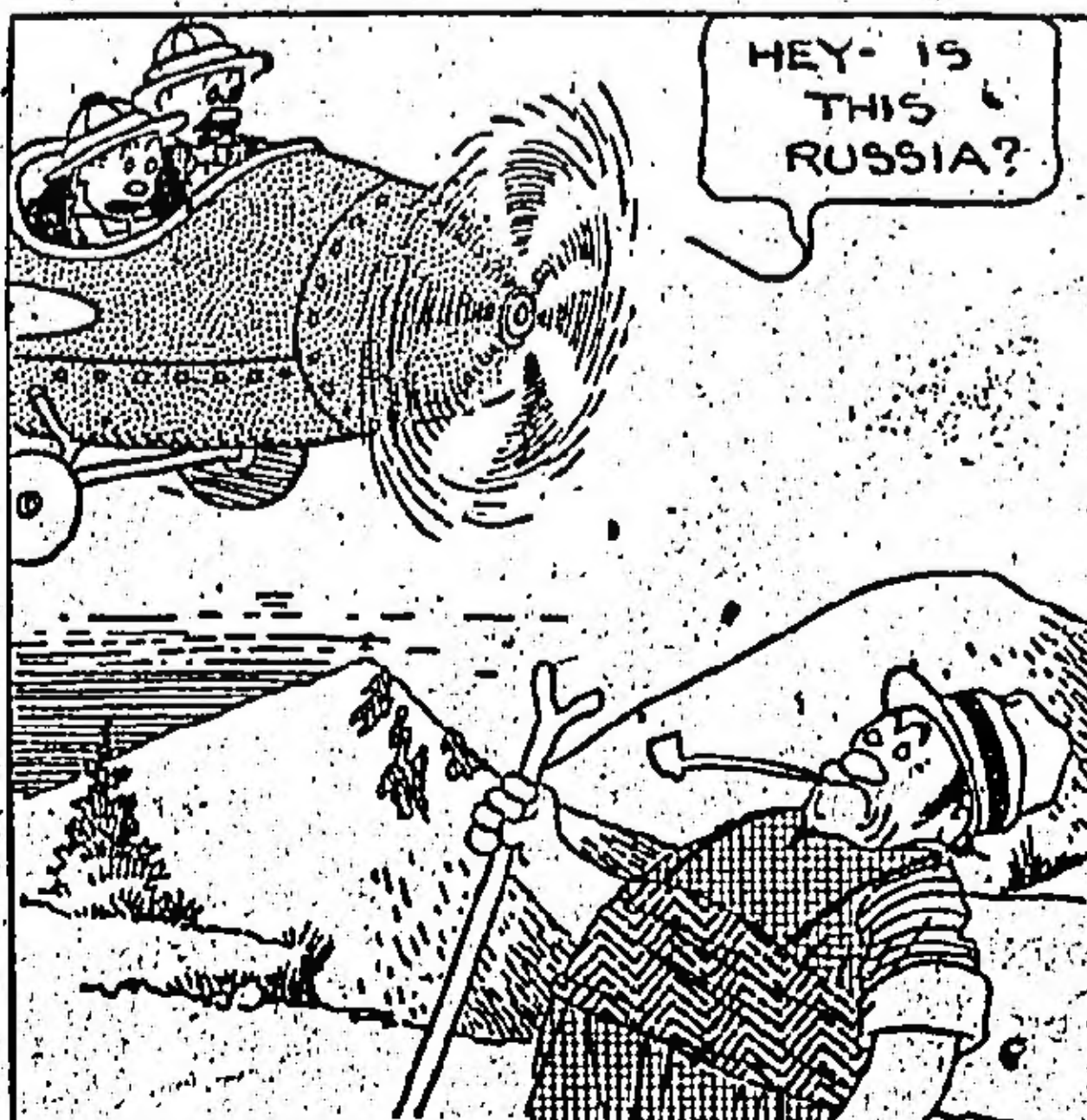
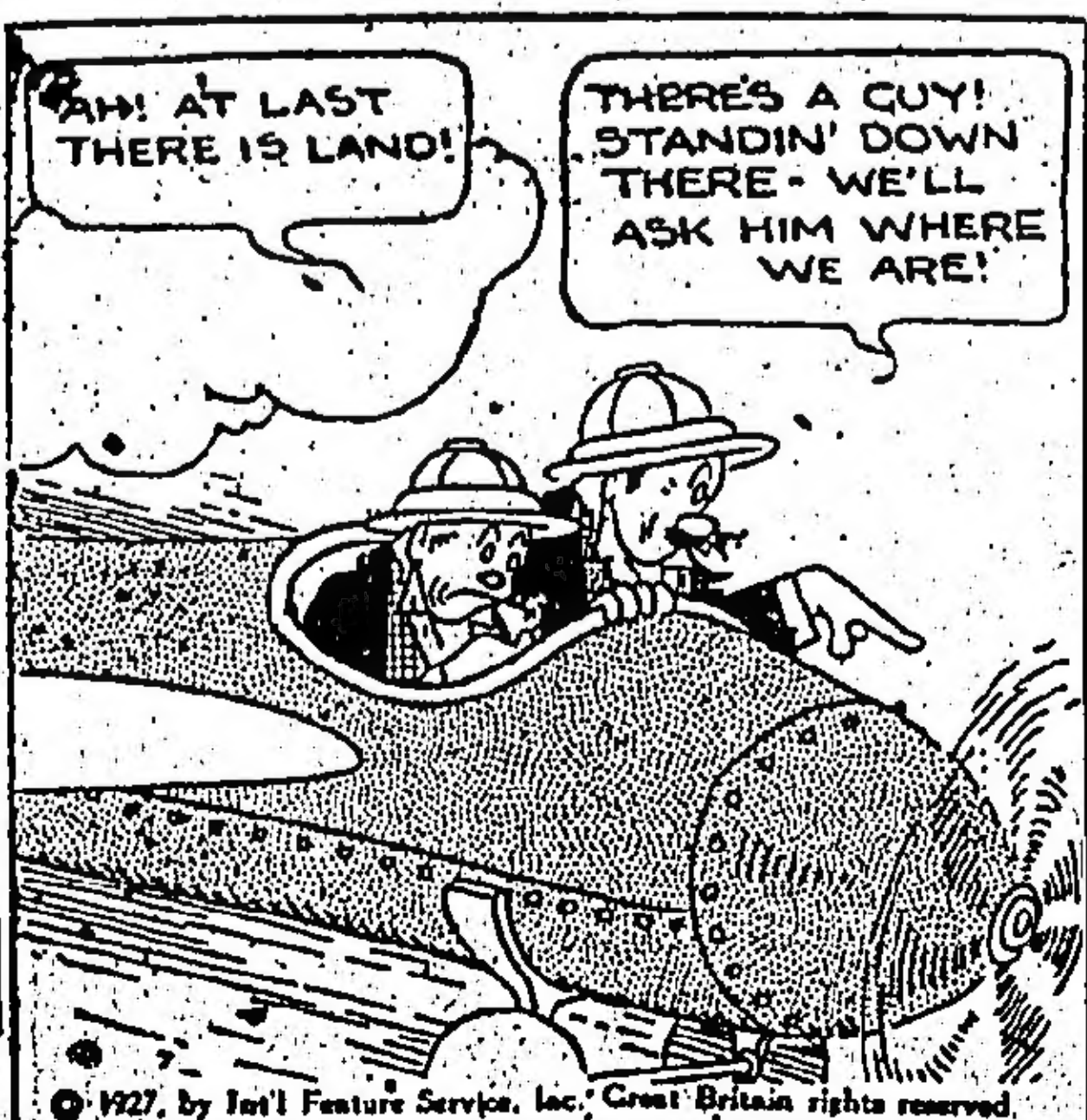
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

The past week in China has been marked with a good deal of actual fighting, as well as a number of events of political importance. Chiang Kai-shek, the Nanking war lord, after long preparation, met the Northerners near Pengpu, and suffered a rather severe defeat. Much military activity is reported from Shantung.

The "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, has again entered the arena, this time as "generalissimo" for the Hankow party, which, owing to a number of defections, is considered to be in a state of disintegration. Eugene Chen is reported to be in Shanghai. Full accounts of the week's military and political moves are given in the "Overland Mail," in which there are a week's papers in one, the news being summarised and pieced together day by day so that a complete and logical story is presented to the reader.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Millionaires Exiled.

Two Turin millionaires have been sentenced to two years' exile for refusing to obey a Fascist decree to reduce rents.

The Humber Conservancy Board has decided to increase their contribution to the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution from £200 to £300 in view of the increased cost of upkeep of the lifeboat stations at Spurn.

The impression in the lobby of Parliament is that the country will hear little of reform of the House of Lords for a considerable time. Generally the older men of the Conservative Party favour reform, but the younger men resent it.

Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Walker-on-Tyne, launched the twin-screw motor tanker "El Aleto," 10,000 tons deadweight, which they built in six months, to the order of the Lobitos Oilfields, Limited. The vessel is the 146th oil tanker built by the firm.

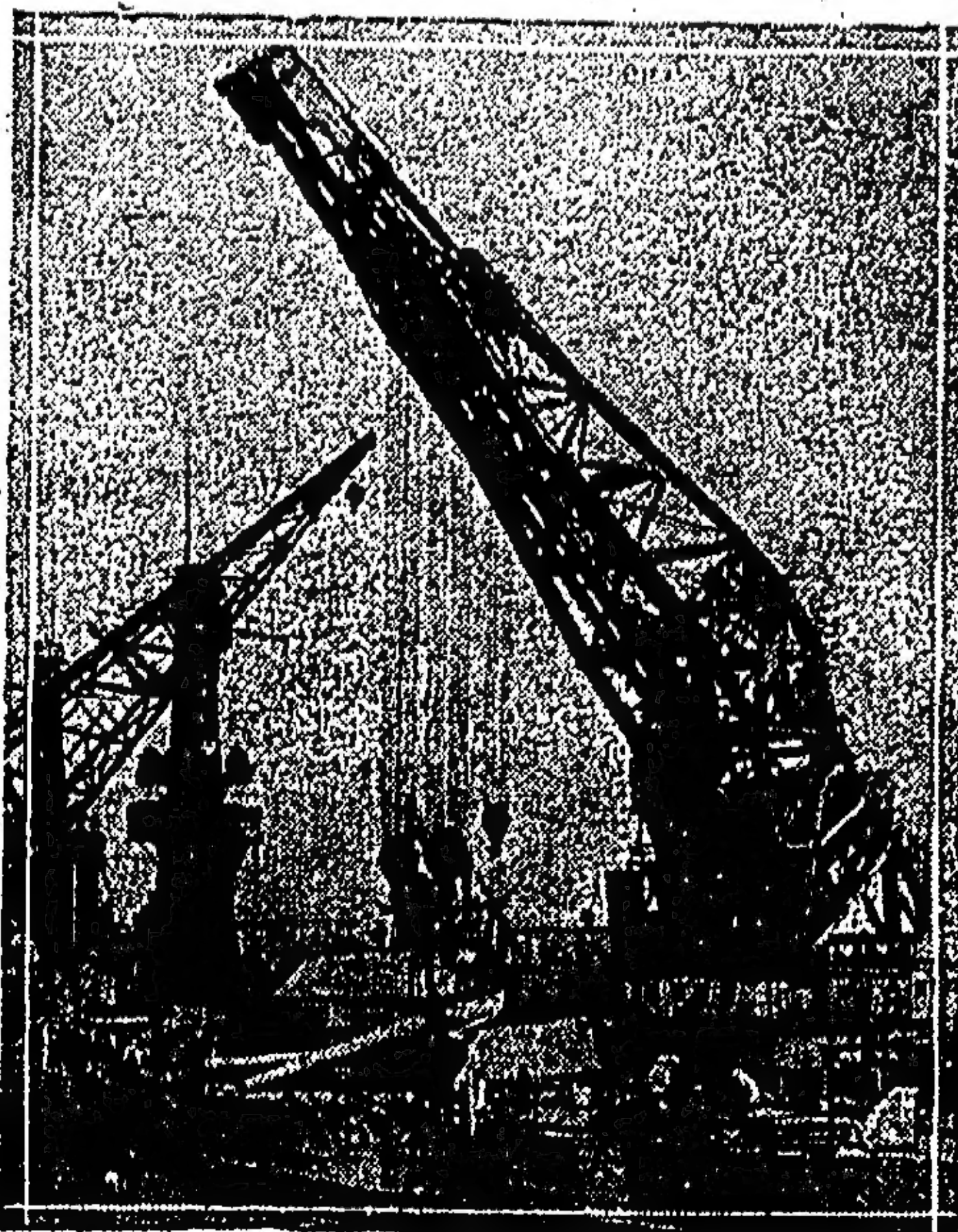
Maritime Prints.

Mr. A. G. H. Macpherson, the owner of the well-known Macpherson collection of old maritime prints and paintings, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace. The King and Queen spent a considerable time looking through some selected folios from the collection containing examples of naval actions, naval ships, portraits, seaports, clipper ships, steam ships, yachts, etc.

The short wave wireless beam stations which have been built by the Marconi Company on behalf of the General Post Office for communication with South Africa, have now successfully passed their official Post Office seven days' test, and are ready for the inauguration of a direct wireless telegraph service between London and Cape Town. This is the third group of wireless beam stations to be completed for direct communication with the Dominions, the beam services with Canada and Australia being already in operation.

Mr. Frank Hodges has joined the board of directors of the L. and N. Coal Distillation, Ltd., the chairman of which is Lieut. Colonel J. T. C. Moore Brabazon, M.P. On the board also are prominent leaders of oil, iron, steel, tar distillation, and associated industrial groups. The company is now constructing large scale distillation plants, the first of which will be erected at the pit head of a progressive colliery company in August, and will be working full time in September. Other plants will follow.

Thirty-six thousand new workers were employed by Canadian companies between April 1 and May 1, according to employment figures to hand from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A total of 880,850 workers were employed by 5,948 firms reporting to the bureau on May 1, compared with 794,146 on April 1. Spring employment is at the highest level it has reached since 1920, and the index figure of employment throughout Canada stood at 100.6 on May 1, compared with 94.9 on May, 1926, and 90.8 on the same date of 1925.



The crane ship "Kearage" lifting the 16-inch gun and its casing out of the turret of the U.S.S. "Idaho," from here it is sent to the naval gun factory for re-lining. The new gun is then installed with the aid of this 250-ton floating crane.

Tragic Death.

As he emerged from a church at Hainault with his bride on his arm on July 9 a young Italian remonstrated with a drunken Fleming who tried to kiss the bride. The intruder fatally stabbed the bridegroom, and the priest gave the last sacrament five minutes after performing the marriage.

Dr. Spahlinger announced on July 6 that he will demonstrate his cures before eminent scientists at Manchester. He said he has selected Manchester because it is friendly to him.

Sir Francis Taylor, K.C., independent chairman of the South Wales Coal Conciliation Board, refused the owners' application for reduction in the subsistence wage to lower-paid men from 8s. 0½d. per day to 6s. 9d. per day. The miners applied for an increase to 8s. 6d. per day.

Reorganised Cabinet.

The Guatemalan Legation in London announces that President Chacon has reorganised his Cabinet as follows:—Finance and Public Credit, R. Felipe Solares; War, General Miguel Larrave; Foreign Affairs, Dr. Luis Toledo Herrarte; Public Instruction, Lic. J. Antonio Villacorta; Public Works and Industry, Lic. Adalberto Aguilar Fuentes; Agriculture, Lic. Mariano Lopez Pacheco; Interior and Justice, Under-Secretary in charge of Department, Lic. Alberto Paz y Paz.

Mrs. Victor Bruce, accompanied by her husband and a male friend, has left London on a motor trip to Lapland, with the intention of penetrating as far as possible into the Arctic Circle, traversing Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, and Finland. She expects to complete the trip in five weeks.



Clarence D. Chamberlin and Charles A. Levine, first pilot and passenger to fly across the Atlantic.

Mrs. Hope Leontough has died at Toronto after fasting for 55 days in an attempt to cure indigestion.

Seven persons were burned to death in a fire in Vancouver, which swept the upper storeys of an apartment house.

At the International Chambers of Commerce in Stockholm, it was decided that the proposal regarding uniform bills of exchange for the whole world was hardly feasible, but it was agreed that uniform cheques were possible, excluding America, Great Britain, and Japan.

Figures showing the remarkable increase which has taken place in the number of wireless licences granted in the Commonwealth were made available by the Director of Postal Services (Mr. H. P. Brown) on July 9. At the end of June there were 225,249 licences operating, representing 3.86 per cent. of the population of the Commonwealth.

Fall Into Boiling Oil.

A fearful fate befel James Oates, a widower and the father of six young children on July 8. Oates, who was employed in a cable factory at Prescott, was walking above a tank containing oil heated to 290 degrees when the plank broke and he fell in, being killed instantly.

Germany's campaign for a seat on the Mandates Commission has succeeded to the extent that the Commission on July 6 decided not to raise any objection to the appointment of a German member. France, Belgium, and Holland voted against an increased membership of the Mandates Commission, and Britain voted for it.

The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Jacques Somerscales, aged 84, a celebrated marine painter. He was a native of Hull and son of a sea captain. He painted the famous "Off Valparaiso," one of the finest pictures of a full-rigged ship ever painted, and purchased by the Tate Gallery in London.

The Siamese Prince Purachatra, with the Princess and their daughter, arrived at Darwin from Singapore on July 7 en route for southern ports. Interviewed, the Prince said his trips were merely one of pleasure, and for health purposes a change of climate had been advised. The visitors were formally welcomed by Government officials.

Eleven hundred passengers reached Liverpool from Boston and New York in the White Star liner, Celtic on June 28. The majority were holiday makers "doing" Europe. The second group of American medical men who, under the auspices of the Inter-state Post Graduate Medical Association, are making a two months tour of European clinics, also arrived in the liner. They are following the first section, already touring through London, Edinburgh, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Leipzig, Cologne and Paris.

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EMPIRE RESOURCES.

Geophysical Method of Research.

MINERALS AND OIL.

Sir Thomas Holland's Interesting Dominion Proposals.

London, Yesterday. The announcement that the Australian Government and the Empire Marketing Board have agreed jointly to bear the expense of making field trials of geophysical method for the survey of minerals and oil throughout the Empire is welcomed by the newspapers. In connection with the projected survey attention is called to a proposal which Sir Thomas Holland will lay before the Empire Mining and Metallurgical Congress which opens its second triennial meetings in Canada towards the end of this month.

Sir Thomas proposes that the Congress, which includes among its constituent bodies institutions representing Canada, Australia, South Africa and India, shall appoint committees of specialists to undertake the review of mineral resources and smelting capabilities of each of the Dominions and larger colonies.

The "Times" says "essential data are necessary for the formulation of an economic policy as well as an insurance of military safety. Should Sir T. Holland's proposal be carried into effect the geophysical methods which are to be tested by the Australian Government and the Empire Marketing Board should, if practical experience confirms their utility, prove valuable adjuncts in the work."—British Wireless Service.

C. N. CO. STRIKE.

WHY SIGNING-OFF ACTION WAS TAKEN.

NECESSARY FORMALITY.

Regarding the signing off of some of the China Navigation Company officers who are on strike, it should have been explained in our report yesterday that the signing-off is only in the case of officers whose articles have expired.

It is the practice on the China coast for officers in the employ of a Company to be signed on for a period of a few months to obviate the necessity for signing on and off at the commencement and completion of every voyage.

When such articles have expired the Company has no option but to sign off the officers concerned and in the case of the officers recently signed off it is reported that the action was due to the Harbour Master drawing attention to the fact that the articles have expired.

Bangkok Situation.

Bangkok, August 2. Three masters of vessels and about 20 ships' officers are idly watching the jaca weed float up and down the Menam while the China Navigation Company, Ltd., attempts to try to come to terms with them.

The officers flatly refuse to admit a 10 per cent. cut in their pay, and the owners flatly refuse to reconsider their decision.

The deadlock which has been reached seems to have no outlet. Conferences over the week-end have been futile, and the officers are quite prepared to leave the service rather than submit to what they claim is an unjust demand.

The "Daily Mail" sought the latest news concerning the strike from Mr. G. A. C. Preston, the acting manager of the Borneo Company, Ltd., this morning. The company represents the China Navigation Company, Ltd., in Bangkok.

Mr. Preston said: "I shall tell the Press nothing."

Another report in the Bangkok "Daily Mail" states that negotiations between the Borneo Company, Ltd., and the masters of the C. N. Co. ships in Bangkok (Kwangochow) "Kaying" and "Chin Hui" were proceeding amicably and added:

"The ultimate result of the negotiations will affect only the officers who have refused duty. The probability is that some of them will be kept in hotels in Bangkok pending passage to Hong Kong."

BAND CONCERT.

FOURTH OF KOWLOON DOCK SERIES.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

The fourth concert at Kowloon Dock arranged by residents for adding to the bathing facilities of the beach which they have placed at the disposal of the Service men, takes place to-morrow night commencing at 5 p.m. The concert is to be given by the full military band, pipers and drummers of the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers (By permission of Lt.-Col. Comyn).

A launch leaves Queen's pier for the Dock at 3.15 p.m. and will return after the concert.

The following will be rendered by the band:—
March—Herolique "Sabalid."
March "Bonawe Highlanders."
Selection "Romeo e Giulietta."
March "Dovecot Park."
Strathspey "The Marquis of Huntley."

Reel "Ca' the Ewes Tae the Knowes."
Song "Berceuse de Jocelyn."
(Soloist, Musician H. Latimer).
March "The 79th Farewell to Gibraltar."
Excerpts from "Merrie England."
Interval.

Slow March "The Road to the Sles."
March "MacRae's Farewell to the 74th."
Strathspey "Munlochy Bridge."
Reel "Tall Tiddle."
Selection "Yeoman of the Guard."
March "Daft Donald."
Pecolo Solo "Pecaron."
(Soloist, Musician A. McKenna).
Slow March "My Home."
March "The Siege of Delhi."
Strathspey "Breechin Castle."
Reel "Jack Wilson."
Military Fantasia "A Sabbath Morning on Parade."

AGAINST SOVIET.

Two Generals Sentenced To Death.

19 DAYS' TRIAL.

Accused Of Plotting In The Far East.

Moscow, Yesterday. General Annenkov and his chief of staff, General Denisov, who are accused of carrying on an armed struggle against the Soviet in the Far East during 1918-1920, have been sentenced to death after a trial lasting 19 days.—Reuter.

OUR CABARET.

"TALLY HO" AT STAR LAST NIGHT.

Our Cabaret presented "Tally Ho" last night at the Star Theatre to a poor but enthusiastic audience. The show was, as stated, a complete change of programme only one or two items being repeated by special request. Charles Mason was in great form, as usual, and had the audience in fits of laughter right at the commencement of the programme with his "Did Tosti raise his Bowler Hat." The specialty dancing of Rita and Della Vivienne throughout the evening was very charming and graceful and their efforts were well received by the audience. These two young ladies are certainly very charming dancers.

Mr. Chamier announced at the end of the programme that "Tally Ho" would be presented again to-night and also that they were going to perform nightly at the Star Theatre during the whole of next week.

SAMOAN TROUBLE.

VIEWS OF SIR JOSEPH CARRUTHERS.

Suva, July 7. Sir Joseph Carruthers, a former Premier of New South Wales, who returned from Apia (Samoa) to-day by the a.s. "Tofua" in an interview published in the "Fiji Times," praises the work of the administration at Samoa.

Sir Joseph Carruthers said that nothing he saw would justify any criticism of the administration of the territory. There was a grave state of unrest and there was considerable difficulty in getting at the fundamental facts. Martial law was practically in operation, trial by jury had been superseded, and the administrator had arbitrary powers. Trivial matters had been magnified out of all proportions and had given rise to charges of disaffection against a people who were as loyal as they could be. The natives complained that the best men had not been selected by the Government to represent the Samoan people in the Executive and Legislative Councils. They asked that the Samoan representatives should be elected and not selected. This was at the bottom of a lot of the unrest because the natives alleged that the Administrator had surrounded himself with his own nominees, and matters were handled in the fashion of a military Court Martial and not in the more reasonable fashion which a representative from Downing-street would adopt.

Mr. O. F. Nelson was a passenger to-day by the a.s. "Tofua" for New Zealand, where he will lay the grievances of the residents of Samoa before the Dominion Government.

LIONESS KILLS ACTOR.

KEEPER SENT TO JAIL.

Rome, July 7. The sentence to six months' confinement of the lion tamer Schneider is the sequel to a sensational incident in February, 1924, when a lioness leapt over 15ft. bars, killing Signor Farombi, who was acting as Nero in the film "Quo Vadis?" Proceedings for homicide and negligence were taken against the film directors of the cinematograph union. The lion tamer was sent to trial.

For the defence it was contended that it was impossible to foresee the accident. Nobody believed that the lioness would leap over the 15ft. bars, which were higher than was usual for such purposes.

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